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The Shape of Things



to Come...

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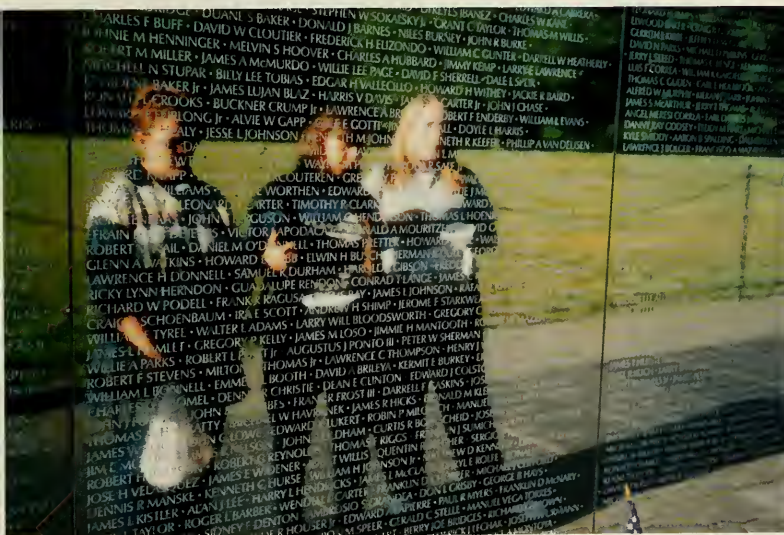
The shape of M.T.S.U. is constantly changing in size and diversity, with the total student population increasing to 17,924. With the rising of new buildings and ideas, the traditions of MTSU have been able to carry on as a primary part of Campus life. However, along with these advancements in size and technology comes the frustrations of parking, housing, and the availability of essential classes.

Things to Come...





Since opening
in 1911 as Middle
Tennessee Normal
School, the shape
and name has



changed. As we
celebrate our 85th
anniversary, the
university is faced
with yet another



name change and
an increased de-
mand for new
facilities.

The
Shape
of
Our
Lives





The shape of the faces in classes become more familiar as each semester gets older. Soon friendships, and role models are discovered. The shapes of the faces may change throughout our lives, but the ties that are built at MTSU will last forever.



Student Life...

Sensational Seventies

Homecoming at MTSU takes on a Retro Flavor

by: Gregg Mayer

Homecoming is more than a time for parties and parades. It is time for coming together, for the Blue Raider alumni to come back and remember all of the good times, to share their memories with each other and with the students, and for the students to share their dreams with alumni.

A raving success, this year's homecoming theme, "The Sensational '70s," was a tribute to a decade that changed America.

Beginning with a chili cookoff, an annual event sponsored by the Student Government Association, local retailers, banks, and many other outside businesses, along with campus fraternities and sororities, competed—lightheartedly—to create the best bowl of chili in Murfreesboro. Alumni who judged the event were treated to some different tastes and some peculiar smells, but all laughed the whole time as they dipped spoons into big vats of bubbling chili.

On the morning of the big football game against the Austin Peay Governors, the "Sensational '70s" took a stroll down Main Street as the homecoming parade—a collage of floats, clowns and flags—kicked off the day. The Band of Blue played funky tunes like "Celebration" and "Boogie Nights" to keep the parade moving as girls and guys in bell bottom pants and butterfly collars danced their way along. Spectators stood alongside the route, cheering and waving "hello" to their friends and family, and waving "hello" to strangers who today seemed like friends and family.

By midday the stage was set for MTSU to take on the Governors in one of the most anticipated Ohio Valley Conference football games of the season. But nobody had to wait for long to see who was the better team. MTSU routed the Governors 50-14, shutting down the Austin Peay offense and running over the Governors defense like it was a new parking lot to be paved. Wide receiver Dee Mostiller caught two touchdown passes, and freshman kicker Keegan Ray kicked two field goals—one from 47 yards out, the other from 49 yards out—to help win the game.

At halftime, five ladies, who crossed the football field with poise and elegance in their sparkling dresses, were presented as the homecoming queen finalists: Monti McClellan; Tanisha Harris; Shawnelle Jordan; Stephanie Jones; and Christin Baker. As the hushed crowd sat patiently, Tanisha Harris was announced the winner, escorted by Andre Dooley. She was given a bouquet of flowers and a silver crown.

After the game, alumni gathered with their old friends for one more chance to share memories and good times, and to share what they've learned with the students still here. Parties lasted well into the night, and the memories will last forever.

The "Sensational '70s" will be one of the fondest remembrances for students who were lucky enough to take part, and it will be a reminder to the alumni of what is that makes them keep coming back and visit.





Opposite page: Austin Peay's Quarterback is hunted down by the Blue Raider defense.

Left: Defensive back, Terrell Neismith tries to intercept an Austin Peay touchdown attempt.



Left: The disco beat captured the spirit of MTSU students in the annual homecoming parade.

Opposite page: 1996 Homecoming Queen Tanisha Harris and escort Andre Dooley enjoy the applause during halftime homecoming activities.

All photos by: Brian G. Miller

Sensational Seventies at MTSU

Sensational Seventies At A





Glance...

Watch Out!

Construction Creates Havoc on Campus

New parking tactics, rising earlier, and obstructed sidewalks, were just a part of the growth process at MTSU. New buildings and adjustments have become a part of life at this university, with no end in sight. "The construction is especially annoying during bad weather. When it rains, everything turns to mud," said Sophomore, Dan Fox. However, the extra space that the construction provides does not go unnoticed on a campus with over 17,000 students.

The Business and Aerospace building, located between Corlew and Cummings Hall, is expected to be completed in the Fall of 1997. Renovation on the football stadium is scheduled to be finished by August 1998. Also, 1998 should bring the completion of the new library, outdoor track, and soccer field. However, some students see the construction as problem that they will not benefit from, according to Senior, Scott Wortman, "We have to deal with the hassles, and I'll never get to go into the new library as a student." Others see the constant building and digging as something to be proud of according to Freshman, Amanda Goodman, "The construction has it's faults, but after I graduate this campus will be a great place to visit as an alumni."



Upper right hand corner: Construction to rennovate the football stadium caused headaches for pedestrians by blocking off pathways to Murphy Center.

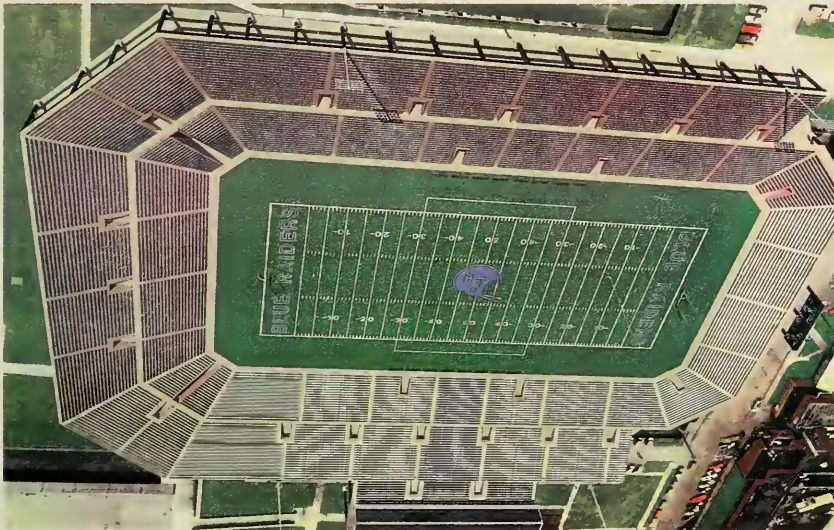
Middle: A crane lingers over the construction of the new library being built in an old parking lot.

Right: A fence seperates students from the alsmost completed Business and Aerospace Building.





Left: A bulldozer makes tracks out of the remains of the student side of the football stadium.



Left: Completion of the new football stadium will be a sign of Division I-A football in Middle Tennessee.



Lower left hand corner: An outline of the new library is all that stands of the future facility that will become one of the most advanced in the state.

Commuter's: The Censored Side

By: Richard Lucas

Planes, trains, and automobiles have long been a source of transportation in the modern times. Can you imagine spending the majority of your time in an automobile. To many commuters this is reality. Exits become redundant and invisible as they make their way to the pie in the sky-MTSU. With the tremendous commuter population, 14,534, the issues and concerns of this group are important.

The distance from home and campus makes commuter participation in the school activities slight. However, the main problem that commuters face is the fight for parking. The campus has around 9,000 parking spaces available.

The availability of parking spaces and time is a major concern of this group. The routine or habit of this group resembles that of high school. Having to get up early to make a journey to school, home and sometimes work. This routine can be both hard and boring.

MTSU has established a process to address the parking issue. The process restricts parking in designated spots. The spots or lots are designated a certain color, such as green, black, white or blue. There were approximately 9,474 green passes purchased. There were approximately 3,183 black passes purchased. These passes help eliminate the parking problem, while giving people the right to choose one or the other.

To many commuter's the answer of parking nightmares is right in front of them. The stress of traffic and gas money vanish with a ride on the R&R (Relax and Ride) service provided by the Metropolitan Transit Authority. This service runs all schools days, except holidays, between Nashville and Murfreesboro. This service provides a positive answer and choice for many commuter's.

The ride can give students time to study for a upcoming test or time to rest and enjoy life. The cost of this stress free service is also cheap. This is a key feature that also attracts a lot of students. For a nominal price of \$20 a student can take 20 one way trips from MTSU to Nashville or vice versa. The stations where students are picked up and dropped off are strategically located throughout Nashville and Murfreesboro. Another great convenience is that you have the option to "Park and Ride." This option gives students the opportunity to leave their car in a particular location and not worry about it. This helps control mileage and almost eliminates the cost of gas to many commuters.





**NO
PASSING
ON
CAMPUS**

Left: It does not matter if your late for class, you can't pass. However, this traffic regulation does not apply to the classroom.



Opposite Page Top: The true view of parking on campus.

Opposite Page Bottom: Cars and trucks wizz by the intersection of Greenland Drive and North Tennessee Blvd.

Left: Cars become a blur as they approach Faulkenberry Drive. Faulkenberry was shut down for stadium construction.



Left: Commuters wait for the Blue Raider X-press to carry them to their vehicles in distant parking lots.

Eating Your Way Through College

You have an hour break between classes, and your stomach begins to growl. Since you overslept and skipped breakfast, a snack from a vending machine won't do the trick.

This is just one of the many reasons students choose to eat on campus. The choices are not bad-- you have pizza, chicken, sub sandwiches, and tacos, all within a short walk. "I commute and have classes all day long. I don't have time to go to a fast food restaurant and wait in line," stated sophomore, Holly Niederhauser.

Many students don't want to leave campus, for fear of never finding another parking space. Eating areas on campus not only provide a quick bite, but also give students a place to socialize, study, and just relax.

Food Services also provides more than food for some students. For many, this is the way to put food on their own table. "Working at food services provides me the funds necessary to live off campus. Without this check I would have to move into a dorm room," stated Charrissa Moss.

For students that choose to live on campus eating in the Grill or one of the cafeterias is a necessity. Students purchase meal tickets at the beginning of each to ensure that they don't suffer from malnutrition.





Above: A food service employee creates sandwiches.



Top and left: In the grill, students can make their own baked potatoes, bagels, and other quick bites.

Middle: Foreign Language Senior, Holly Massey selects a delicious entree for breakfast.

Bottom: For many, potato chips are the perfect choice, because you can eat them on the run.



Opposite page:

Top: Chick Fila provides students with waffle fries and chicken for nourishment.

Middle: Long lines are not uncommon in the grill. Students usually must wait to receive their food, and then proceed to the cash register.

Bottom left: Pizza Hut provides students with that necessary college food, pizza.

Bottom right: Some student prefer to make healthy choices for lunch by buying vegetables or fruit.

There's No Place Like Home...

In the last few years, renting a dorm room from University Housing has become very difficult. More and more students want to call Corlew, Wood, Miss Mary, and Rutledge Halls home. This year the university experienced an overflow in housing residents. These students had to make other housing arrangements or were placed in local hotels. What makes this housing choice so popular among students.

For many students it is the benefits that make living on campus worthwhile. MTSU housing offers more than a place to sleep for students. In select halls, there are computer labs, study rooms, kitchens, and laundry rooms all within a short walk down the hall. "Any time something happens on campus, I'm already here. I don't have to worry about finding a parking place," stated Sophomore Amy Nixon. To other students, living on campus is the only way to move out of the parent's home.

However, there are some disadvantages to making MTSU your home away from home. First, there is the problem of finding a roommate that you can live with. This is a difficult choice for many students, especially freshmen who usually try to room with someone they already know. Second, there is the occasional encounter of those ghastly cockroaches that scurry across the room at night. Finally, room temperature is another complaint that students had. One student stated that it was too cold in the summer, and in the winter they had to keep their window open all the time.

Top: The long halls of Schardt hall are rarely empty. Noise from hallways keep many students up at night.

Right: Many dorms have a recreational room, lounge, and study rooms. These facilities allow students to escape their roommate, or take a quick study break.





Left: A few select dorms are equipped with computer labs. These labs are only open to students that choose to live on campus.

Far left corner: Students can always be found in the lobby of their dorm. Here, students must sign-in guests, and check out materials from housing.

Below: In some dorm rooms, it is difficult to determine if students or pigs live in these small cubic areas.



All photos by Shawn Sidewell.

Alcoholism on Campus: Harmless or Harmful?

By: Sherry E. Brown

Officer Duston Miller grinned as he recalled some of the humorous alcohol related arrest that he had made. "One night I arrested a pledge running naked down Tennessee Boulevard in front of Murphy Center. Another night, I found a guy crawling in his window in Felder Hall. He was climbing through his window because his key wouldn't work. As it turned out, he actually lived in Sharpe Hall," related Miller.

Officer Miller's grin quickly faded. "Not all alcohol related arrests are funny. I once had to take a young man to the hospital for alcohol poisoning; his stomach had to be pumped. The guy almost died. The most painful thing I have ever seen is a stomach pumping," said Miller.

By drinking, students are putting their lives in danger, so why do people drink alcohol? This is not a question that can be easily answered. Some people drink because they want to have a good time; others drink to lower their inhibitions or to relieve stress. However, if not respected, alcohol will almost always lead to trouble.

Despite preconceived notions, sororities and fraternities actually have lower alcohol arrest rates. Sororities and fraternities were usually more responsible with alcohol intake. The appointment of designated drivers prevented accidents due to alcohol intake.

During Homecoming Week, some sororities and fraternities declared "Dry Week" in an attempt to curb serious alcohol problems. Kristie Burton of Alpha Delta Pi said, "We declared Dry Week. Also, I did not attend any parties where alcohol was being served."

During Alcohol Awareness week, students celebrated with a "Mocktail Party" in order to stimulate creativity in making mixed drinks without alcohol. Mr. Joey Davenport, who headed Alcohol Awareness Week, said, "The turnout was great. Twelve organizations were represented at the gala."

According to Officer Miller, MTSU does not have a major problem with alcohol, but he also said, "Students need to be educated on the consequences and results of alcohol consumption. If they are arrested, they have to deal with both the criminal department and the administration, the student would be made to perform public service and be put on academic probation."

While alcohol can make a party more enjoyable, alcohol consumed irresponsibly can be detrimental to the future.





Above: Joey Hesse overlooks the party scene at the Rugby House.

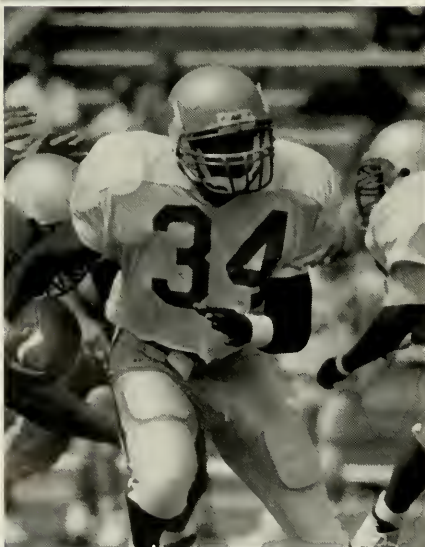
Right: Kellege Roberts and a friend pose for the photographer.

Left and Up: Chris Dogmiller has a cold one to relax during a party at the Rugby House.

Left: Jody Hersy and Denise Belt snuggle up while relaxing with friends.

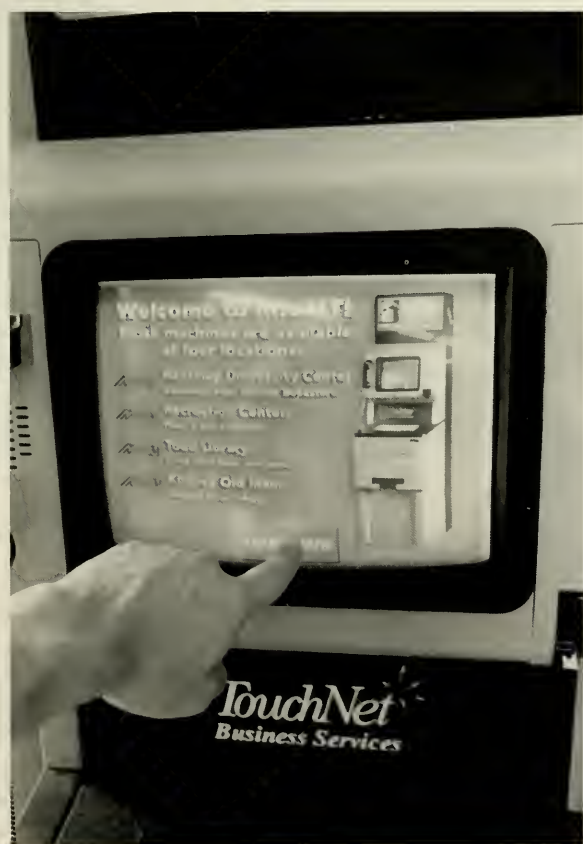


The
Shape
of
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Year





The months come and go with the change of every semester. Some will fly by, others will seem to never end. However, no matter how stressful life becomes during midterms and finals, a look back at the past will always make you feel better.

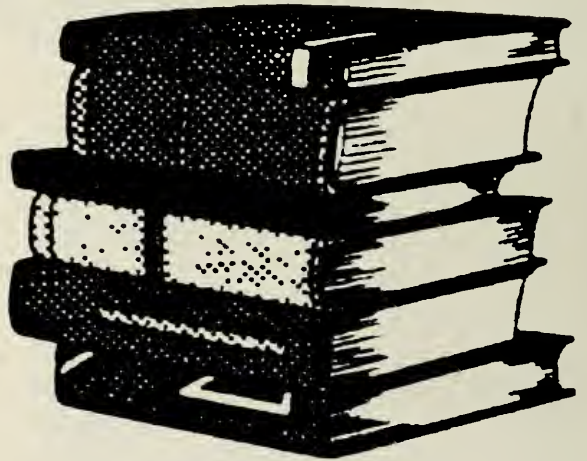


Calendar...

August 1996

Welcome Back.....

20 Annual
President's Picnic





28 Groundbreaking
for the \$32 million dollar
library.

September 1996

7th

Lady Raider Volleyball team wins three games in Memphis tournament. The Blue Raider Football team loses to TSU 24-14.



Campus Rec provides outdoor adventures

Backpacking, canoeing, skiing and spelunking are all offered



11th

MTSU's first women's soccer team is defeated by Jacksonville State 2-0.

14th

MTSU Family Day. Blue Raider Football team ends losing streak with a 16-9 victory over UT-Chattanooga.





25th Actors from the london Stage
bring Shakespeare to MTSU.

28th The Blue Raider Football
team falls to Murray state 34-7.

October 1996

1st Historical First Created for MTSU when the Women's Soccer team claims first NCAA win against Tennessee Tech.

7th Homecoming Queen finalists are announced. The finalists were Monti McClellan, Tanisha Harris, Shawnelle Jordan, Stephanie Jones, and Christin Baker.



12th The Blue Raider Football team stomps Austin Peay with a Homecoming victory of 50-14. During half-time festivities, Tanisha Harris was crowned Homecoming queen.

15th The Blue Raider Football team claims a second victory against Jacksonville State. Final Score 30-23.

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Miss Black and Gold Pagent crowns
Monti McClellan as winner.

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The Blue Raider Football team loses 16-13 against Southeast Missouri

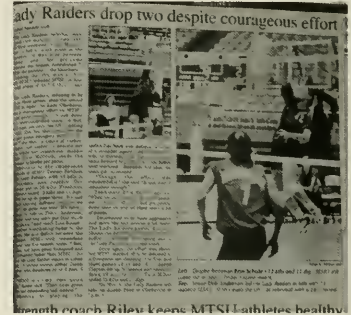
MTSU breaks ground for a new Flight Education Center.



November 1996

2nd Lady Raider Volleyball

falls into sixth place in the OVC
after losing twice to SEMO.



18th Lady Raider Basketball falls to Lithuania





23rd MTSU Blue

Raider Football defeats Tennessee Tech 16-10 in Totem Bowl.



Sermon angers students

By Dave Morris

When a student of the MTSU... (text continues) ...the result... (text continues) ...the result... (text continues) ...the result...

(Above) Frattarum, Clint Bucky responds to the... (text continues) ...the result... (text continues) ...the result...

GPAs may change

By Denise Treadway

After a grading session... (text continues) ...the result... (text continues) ...the result...

Student dies in car wreck

Nath Kappas

Kevin P... (text continues) ...the result... (text continues) ...the result...

Douthitt retires next month

By Randy Fork

Douthitt... (text continues) ...the result... (text continues) ...the result...

December 1996

Merry Christmas...





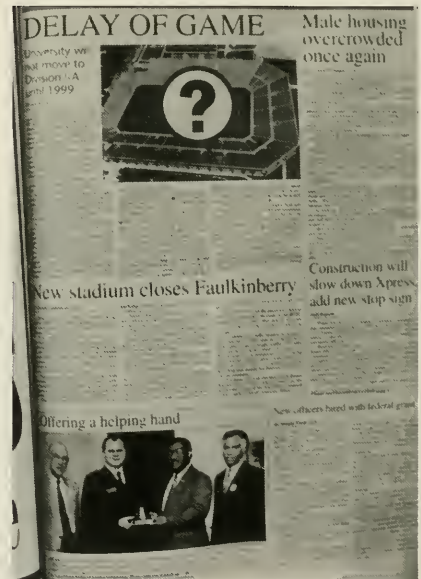
January 1997

9th Construction brings Falkenberg Street Traffic to a halt.

15th Sophomore Melanie Peden is struck by the Raider Xpress Shuttle.

18th
Lady Raider Basketball falls to Semo 74-73.

20th Blue Raider Men's Basketball defeats Eastern Illinois 83-72.



22nd Lady Raiders Basketball falls to Farman 95-86.

23rd Men's Basketball loses to Austin Peay 82-74.



25th Lady Raider Track team wins home meet with 130 points.

Men's Basketball falls to Murray Racers 78-72.



February 1997

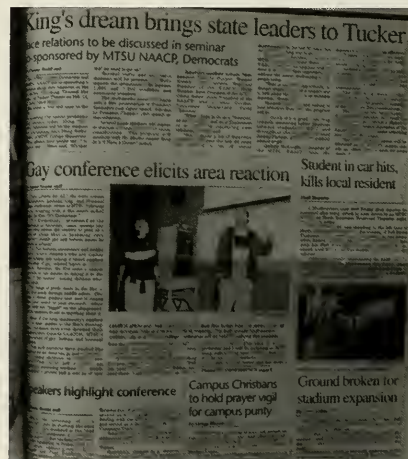
1st Lady Raider Basketball loses to Murray State 81-78. Blue Raider Track places second in Indiana Ivitational.

2nd Men's Tennis Team wins O'Charley's Inivational.



6th Blue Raider Basketball defeats Autin Peay 68-65.

7th Ground Breaking for Stadium Expansion.



11th MTSU Men's Tennis Team defeats Southwestern Louisiana 5-2. Lady Raiders also squeak by Southwestern Louisiana 5-4.

12th Vocalist Michael Winslow, of Police Academy fame appears at Tucker Theatre.

13th Race Relations Seminar

14th Campus ministries hold prayer vigil for campus purity. Happy Valentine's Day.



21st Women and Power Conference with guest Speaker Carol Gilligan of Harvard.

22nd Blue Raider Basketball home finale ends in a 96-71 win over UT-Martin. The Lady Raiders also clinch the number seven spot in OVC tourney by defeating UT-Martin 68-50.

Lady Raider Track breaks reign of OVC indoor championship by falling to rival SEMO. The Men's Track team finishes third in the tournament.

25th Men's Basketball wins first round of OVC tourney by defeating SEMO 89-74. The Lady Raiders also advance to the semifinals by scraping by Austin Peay 60-59.

March 1997

1st MTSU hopes of attending Big Dance are crushed when the Men's Basketball team loses to Murray 74-78 and the Lady Raiders fall to rival Tennessee Tech 59-56.

Men's Baseball team sweeps Georgia State 9-3 and 7-6 in season home opener.



5th Cars are towed from Bell Street Parking, after rain floods the lot.

7th Women's Leadership Conference.



Lady Raider Softball is swept in home opener by UT 5-0 and 10-3.

8th Lady Raider Tennis defeats University of Memphis 9-0.

Men's Tennis clinches prestigious H.E.B. Classic.



Left: Women's
Leadership committee
and honorees

9th

Lady Raider Softball drops doubleheader to Southern Illinois with final scores of 4-3 and 10-13.

Middle Baseball defeats Cumberland 6-5.

25th

Brad Howard pitches Middle's first no hitter against Tennessee Tech. Final score 12-0.

Men's Tennis team receives highest national ranking in school's history. The team was ranked fourth by the Rolex Collegiate Ranking.

April 1997

1st SGA elections. Ryan Durham running unopposed, picked up the SGA presidential position with 525 votes.

6th Project Help moves to new facility on the corner of Baird Lane and 1st street.

7th-12th International Culture Week.

10th Bomb threat closes Cope Administration Building down for three hours.

14th-19th MTSU Spring Week

14th Blue Raider Baseball defeats Cumberland 3-1.

17th Alpha Delta Pi wins 26th Annual All-Sing.



19th

Main Street Jazz Festival

Lady Raider Tennis wins OVC conference title.

23rd

NCAA approves Nashville's Music City Bowl.

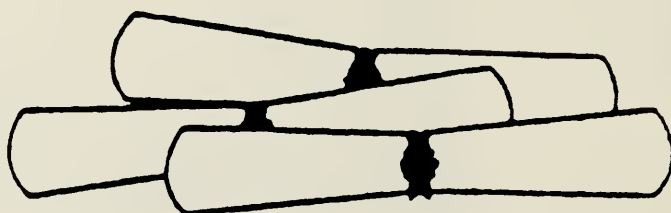
26th

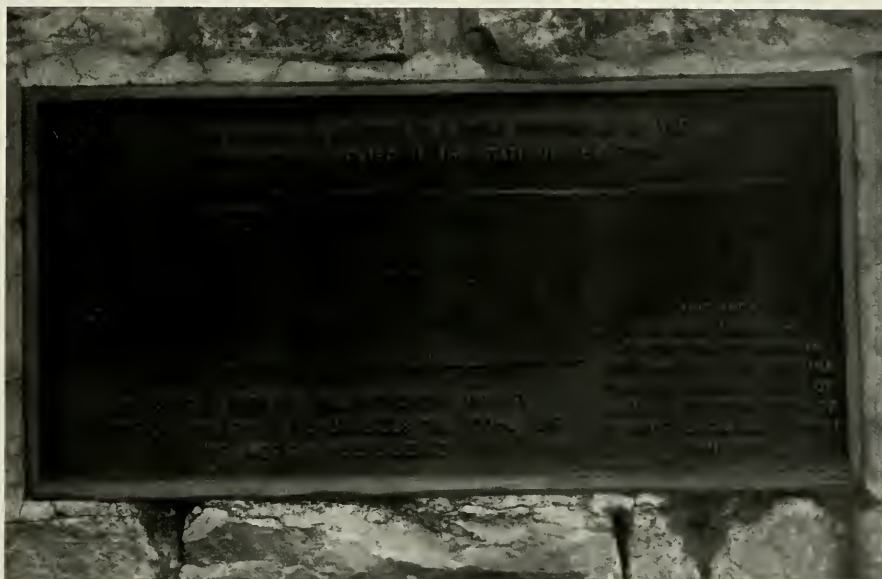
Men's Golf Team loses OVC title for the first time in four years. The Raiders finished third behind Eastern Kentucky and Moorehead State.



May 1997

Gradutation.....





The
Shape
of
Our
Minds





For many, college is an experience that will remain with us for the rest of our lives. The perception that each student has is mainly based upon their relationships with various faculty. Some experiences are good, others we would rather forget. However, you will never forget the face behind that experience.



Academics...

President James E. Walker

On February 1, 1991, James E. Walker became the eighth president of Middle Tennessee State University. In doing so he became the first African American to head a predominately white four-year college or university in Tennessee.

Before arriving at M.T.S.U., Walker had served three years as vice president for academic affairs and provost at the University of Northern Colorado. Walker also served as dean of the School of Education at California State University for seven years. At Illinois State University, he was chair of the Department of Specialized Educational Development from 1977-1980.

He has also served as adjunct professor, Alabama State University; assistant professor of special education, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville; instructor in special education, Western Michigan University; and teacher and departmental chair in public schools in Atlanta, Ga.

President Walker is a native of Phenix City, Ala., and earned his bachelor's degree in biology at Alabama State University in 1963. He received his Master's in Special Education at Atlanta University. His doctorate in education, from Pennsylvania State University is in the education of exceptional children.

Walker is the co-author of Behavior Management: A Practical Approach for Educators, which is now in its fourth edition. He has also published numerous articles and served on several accreditation teams.

President Walker and his wife Gween are the parents of Jamell and Jabrina.



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Above: President James E. Walker

Right: Walker motivating the crowd at the opening of stadium construction on Feb. 6, 1997.

Far right: Walker with 1996 homecoming candidates.



Shawn Sidewell





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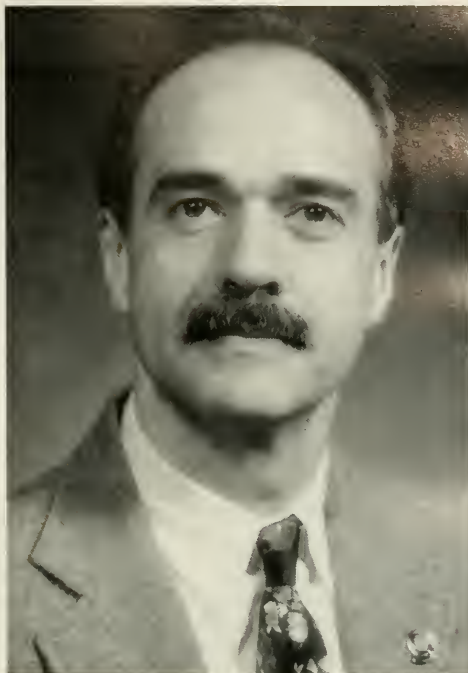
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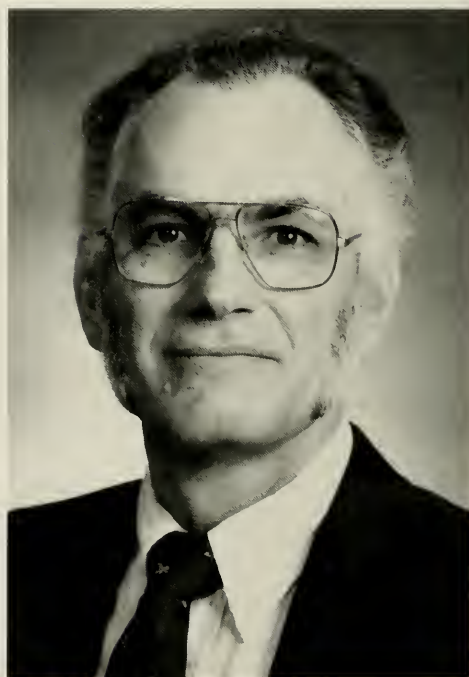
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Frank Lee
Criminal Justice, Chair



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MTSU Much More Than Academics!





The
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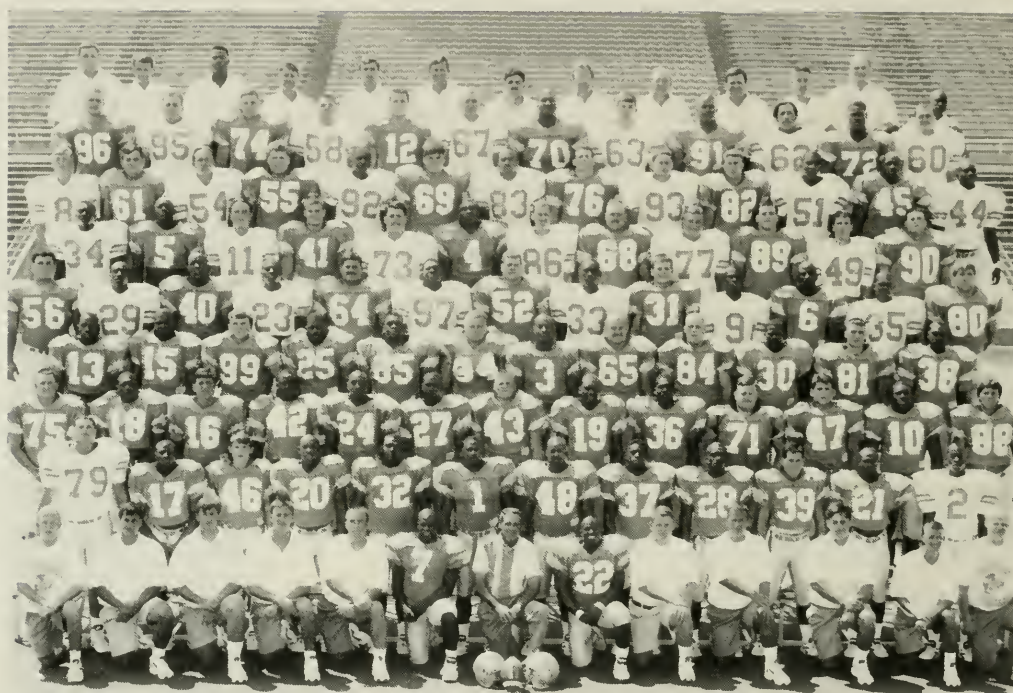


The shape of the balls may be different, and the rules are not all the same. Whether you are a star athlete that wears the blue and white, or a crazed fan that cheers every night the spirit of the game at MTSU is always pride.



Sports...

Football



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Blue Raiders Salvage Season With Totem Bowl Win!

The Blue Raiders finished the 1996 season with their heads just above water. Before the last game of the season, against rival Tennessee Tech, the Raiders were in jeopardy of having a losing season for the second time since 1980. However, the Raiders, under the careful guidance of head coach James "Boots" Donnelly, put up a wall against the Golden Eagles in the Totem Bowl. The Blue Raiders' freshman tailback Kelverick Green rushed for 124 yards on 36 carries, completing his fourth 100+ yard performance, in five games. However, Green was not the only star in the Totem Bowl. Senior Shawn Kelley scored on a nine-yard drive down the right side, marking his only touchdown of his college career. Also, receiver Dee Mostiller tied the MTSU record for most receptions in a game with 110. When it was all over Middle Tennessee State had put the Golden Eagles away with a 16-10 victory. This victory captured a winning 6-5 season for the Blue Raiders and a 4-4 finish in the Ohio Valle Conference.



Brian G. Miller



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Top: Coach "Boots" Donnelly argues with a referee as part of his job.

Bottom: Linebacker Vince Akridge tackles an Austin Peay receiver in the homecoming game.

Left: Junior Lebrion McGill makes his way out of bounds to stop the clock during the UTC game.

1996 Season

	MTSU	OPPONENT
at Louisiana Tech	0	20
at Tenn. State*	14	24
UT-Chattanooga	16	9
at Murray State*	7	34
at Jacksonville St.	30	23
Austin Peay*	50	14
Eastern Kentucky*	13	20
at SE Missouri*	13	16
at UT-Martin*	30	12
Eastern Illinois*	31	24

Season finish 6-5

O.V.C. finish 4-4

* Indicates Ohio Valley Conference Teams

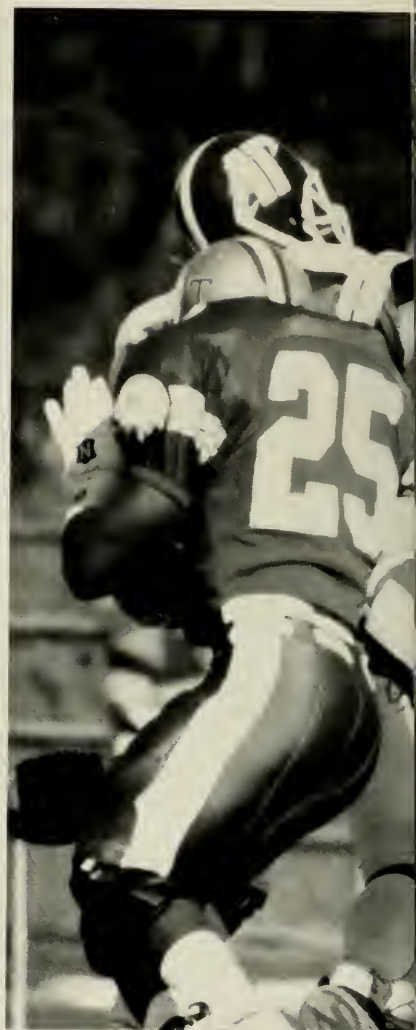


Brian G. Miller

Football Action

The MTSU Way

Go Big Blue!!!!



Above: A Blue Raider takes on a UTC Moc.

Center: Blue Raider Vince Ackridge tackles an Austin Peay player during the homecoming game.

Right: The Blue Raiders put up a front against Austin Peay.





Above: The Blue Raiders put the heat on Eastern Kentucky.

Below: The Raiders pile it on Tennessee State University MTSU lost 14-24.



1996 Lady Raider Volleyball



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From bottom right moving clockwise: Deb Anderson, Jesi Carney, Erin Schulz, Susan Bishop, Tara Miller, Ellie Kunkel (Assistant Coach), Waverly Fisher (Secretary), Angie Venable, Tammy Eichholz, LaTresa Cunningham, Tinisha Buttrey (Manager), Beth Conquest (Manager), Lisa Kisse (Head Coach), Leslie Burnside, Jaemi Clayton and Jim Horten (SID Contact).



Shawn Sidwell



Above: Jaemi Clayton sets up to spike the ball.
Right: Two Lady Raiders jump to defend against a possible score.

Magic Runs Out for 1996 Lady Raiders

In 1995, the Lady Raiders created a season of firsts, and the same was expected of the 1996 team. The 1995 team was the first in school history to complete a 30-win season, win the OVC Championship, and first NCAA Tournament berth.

The 1996 Lady Raiders looked strong at the beginning of the season, returning three starters and three top reserves. However, the season started off shaky with the first two games becoming losses. The Lady Raiders began to look like the championship team of 1995 by winning the next four out of five games. Once again, the promise that the team had shown did not materialize.

Hopes of bringing an OVC championship back to MTSU were crushed when the Lady Raiders lost in three at the OVC Tournament. The team finished with a losing season of 16-19. The last time the Lady Raiders completed a losing record was just two seasons ago, in 1994.

However, there were some high points to a losing season. Senior Deb Anderson moved into fourth-place for all time kills during the season. Also, Middle Tennessee freshman Erin Schulz was named to the OVC All-Newcomer team. The 1996 Lady Raiders hold the school's record for attacks with 5,186. Head Coach Lisa Kissee is already making plans for the 1997 by hitting the recruiting trail hot and heavy.

Top: Outside hitter Leslie Burnside saves the ball from going out of bounds.
Bottom: Tammy Eichholz and Tara Miller block the defender's shot



Brian Miller



Brian Miller

	MTSU	Opponent
Providence	2	3
Southwest Texas	2	3
Tulane	3	1
UMass	0	3
Southwestern Louisiana	3	2
Memphis	3	2
Davidson	3	1
Ole Miss	1	3
UAB	3	2
Bowling Green	0	3
Arkansas State	1	3
San Francisco	0	3
Butler	0	3
Austin Peay	3	2
Eastern Kentucky	3	0
Morehead State	3	0
Western Kentucky	3	1
UTC	3	1
UT-Martin	3	1
Murray State	2	3
Tennessee Tech	2	3
Eastern Illinois	3	2
Southeast Missouri	0	3
Evansville	3	1
Eastern Kentucky	0	3
Morehead State	0	3
Tennessee State	3	0
Tennessee Tech	3	1
Southeast Missouri	1	3
Eastern Illinois	2	3
Austin Peay	0	3
Murray State	0	3
UT-Martin	1	3
Tennessee State	3	0
Murray State	0	3

Conference Crash

Raider's Season Ends In Sudden Halt Against Racers

MTSU and men's basketball go hand in hand, with five appearances in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in the last five years the men of blue have rekindled basketball in Murfreesboro. Last year, the Raiders suffered from a defensive problems inside, allowing opponents to run up the score. With coach Randy Wiel and a mix of veterans and rookies in the starting line up the Raiders a spectacular season was expected.

Coach Wiel strengthened the defense of the Raiders by adding Malachi Allen and Mantia Callendar to the roster. Offense was controlled by seniors Nod Carter and Roni Bailey. The Raiders upset OVC leader Austin Peay and the awesome Bubba Wells and returned to tournament play for the fifth time since 1992.

In the first round of play the Raiders were up against the Southeast Missouri Indians, a team that was undefeated by MTSU all season. The Indians took a 6-2 lead in the first two minutes leading Raider fans to expect a struggle for the rest of the game. However, Torrey Moore and Richard Duncan gave Middle its first lead with back-to-back 3-point field goals. MTSU took the lead and ran with it. First it was a slam dunk from Malachai Allen, then a couple of 3-point field goals from Nod Carter, and finally free throws from Mantia Callender, Freddie Martinez and K.J. Harden, which all accumulated to a 46-25 lead at the half. In the beginning of the second half, SEMO chopped away at the Blue Raiders. However, the Raiders took the last five minutes of the game to regain their lead and extending it to 17. The Raiders left the court with an 89-74 win and a spot in the OVC semifinals at the Nashville Arena.

It was the Arena's first day of basketball play, however it was not Middle that broke in the boards. The Raiders were up against the Murray State Racers and started the game by missing their first sixteen shots. It took the men of blue ten minutes to score a single point in the first half. However, despite shooting woes the Raiders were only down 26-14 at the half. The second half appeared to be a replay of the first, the Racers built their lead to 31-14, and then 42-22. A victory was now out of reach for the men of blue. Murray State continued to romp Middle with a 74-48 victory. This finished the season for the Raiders with a 19-12 record. There was a small hope for an NIT bid, but the Blue Raiders' record was not strong enough.



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"WITH AUTHORITY!" While slamming it through, Freddie Martinez hangs on the rim



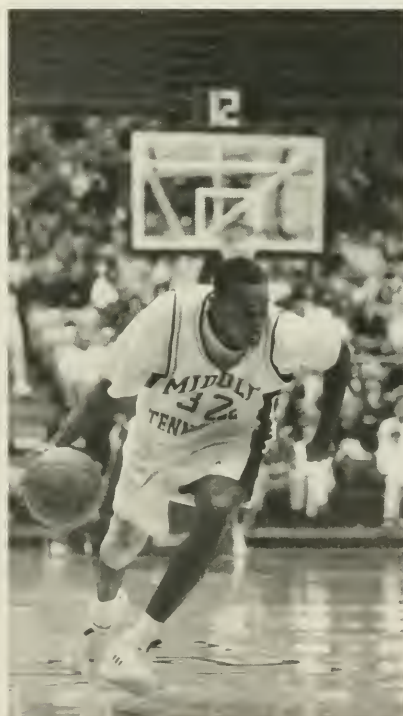
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The 1996-97 Blue Raiders

Front row Asst. Coach Andy Herzer, Asst. Coach Rich Yonakor, Roni Bailey, Aylton Tesch, Chad Wampler, Nod Carter, Torrey Moore, Asst. Coach Jim Ryan, Head Coach Randy Wiel
Back row Mgr. Jaymie Duarte, Mgr. Clint McCulloch, Keny Aver, KJ Harden, Malachi Allen, Mantia Callender, Freddie Martinez, Richard Duncan, Mgr. Bobby Steinburg, Mgr. Stan Grimes



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Far left: Malachi Allen goes up for two against TSU.

Left: Roni Bailey works his way inside to the net.

HIGH HOOPS

BLUE RAIDERS RISE ABOVE THE REST

Right: Senior Torrey Moore goes up for the basket in Murphy Center

Below: Nod Carter gets nothing but the net. Carter lead the team in scoring and free throw percentage for the season.



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Right: Mantia Callender goes for the inside shot against TSU.



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1996-97 Season

Opponent		Score
Montana	W	66-63
Providence	W	77-75
Alabama	L	74-77
Montreat	W	98-52
New Orleans	L	54-66
Murray State	W	85-72
Southern	W	91-67
UT-Chattanooga	W	83-73
Belmont	W	94-76
Indiana State	L	66-92
Sue Bennet	W	127-70
Eastern Kentucky	L	
Morehead State	W	78-72
Tennessee State	W	72-70
Tenn. Tech	W	80-72
S.E. Missouri	L	76-78
Eastern Illinois	W	83-72
Austin Peay	L	74-82
Murray State	L	72-78
UT-Martain	L	59-61
Morehead State	W	98-86
North Carolina	L	49-99
Eastern Kentucky	W	91-58
Austin Peay	W	68-65
Tenn. Tech	L	68-97
Tennessee State	W	82-75
Eastern Illinois	W	77-55
S.E. Missouri	L	76-85
UT-Martain	W	96-71
*S.E. Missouri	W	89-74
*Murray State	L	74-48

* - indicates Ohio Valley Conference Tournament games

Season Records: Overall 19-12
O.V.C. 11-7

Lady Raiders Basketball

Running Out Of Luck

Last year's Ohio Valley Conference Champions Miss Out on This Year's Title and Trip to "The Big Dance"

Last year, the Lady raiders were co-champions of the Ohio Valley Conference, and received an at large bid to the NCAA tournament. The 13-seeded Lady Raiders' dreams of any more moves in "The Big Dance," were cut short as the Kansas Jayhawks claimed a 72-57 victory. However, with coach Lewis Bivens returning for his tenth year at M.T.S.U., along with three of last year's starters, another Ohio Valley Conference Championship was not out of the question.

The Lady Raiders returned to post season play and were up against 2 seeded Austin Peay. The Lady Governors had swept past M.T.S.U. twice in the regular season and were out to make their record 3-0 against the Lady Raiders. At the end of the first round half the Lady Gobs were up by nine. However, the Lady Raiders came out of the locker room with victory in mind. The game came down to the final seconds, sophomore guard Cortney Neeley hit tow free throws putting the Raiders up by one. With one second remaining the Lady Governor's Simone Caldwell went to the free throw line with a chance to shoot a one and one. Luckily, for Middle the ball rolled out of the basket giving the Lady Raiders a 60-59 win.

In the Ohio Valley Conference Semi-finals the Lady Raiders faced school rival Tennessee Tech. The Raiders held a 51-44 lead with under seven minutes remaining. However, within three minutes the Golden Eaglettes cut the game to one point 51-50. The Lady Raiders stuck to it and kept the game within one point and with 15.6 seconds to play were trailing 57-56. However, Tech's Diane Seng hit two free throws with 4.1 seconds to go. Victory was not for the Lady Raiders as they fell to Tech with a final of 59-56.

Left: Point guard Cortney Neeley completes a lay up for two.





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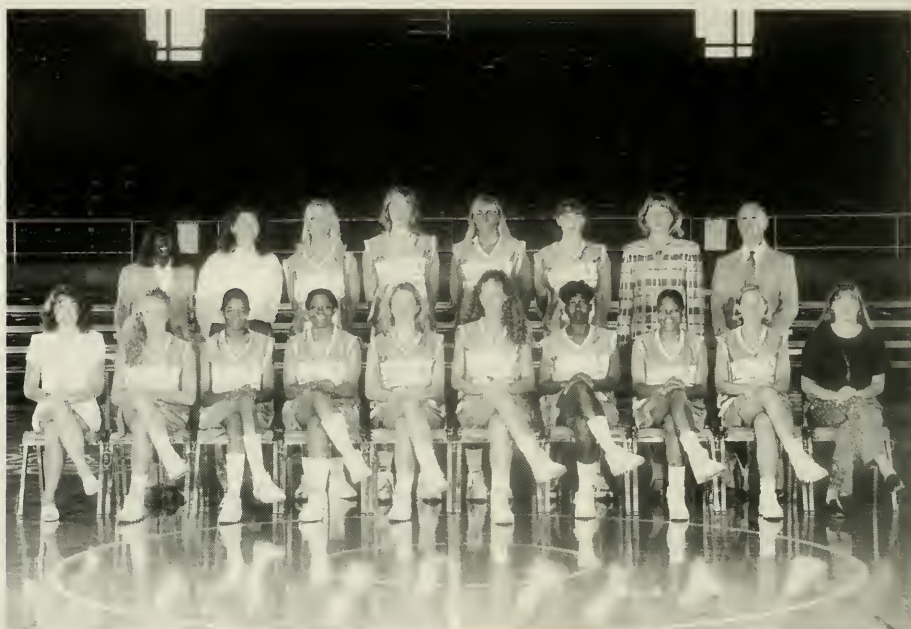
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Top: A host of Lady Raiders watch for a rebound.

Bottom: Sophomore Jonelda Buck goes up for two.

Lady Raider Basketball

Making It Look Easy

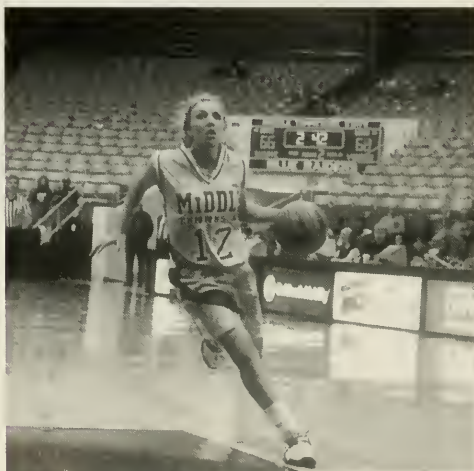


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Front Row (L-R): Karen Johnson, Cortney Neeley, Natalie Sneed, Tanika Smith, Emily Pool, Alice Jackson, Carlita Elder, Tina Bowie, Kay Francis and Rhannon Giley.
Back Row (L-R): Altherias Warmley, Leanna Stockdale, Jessica Beaty, Jonelda Buck, Amanda Beavis, Chanda Bowman, Staphany Smith, and Head Coach Lewis Bivens

Right: Cortney Neeley breaks down the court to complete a lay-up.

Far Right: Kay Francis scrambles to reach the ball.



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1996-97 Season

Opponent		Score
Ole Miss	L	60-94
Memphis	L	65-77
Georgia	L	70-89
UT-Chattanooga	W	56-51
Southern Illinois	L	72-91
Murray State	W	84-68
Missouri	L	55-61
West Virginia	L	60-77
Hawaii	L	63-82
East Tennessee	W	92-81
Eastern Kentucky	L	73-91
Morehead State	W	84-58
Tennessee State	W	64-61
Tennessee Tech	L	61-71
Furman	L	86-95
Southeast Missouri	L	73-74
Eastern Illinois	L	59-69
Austin Peay	L	66-70
Murray State	L	61-72
UT-Martin	W	76-36
Morehead State	L	78-81
Eastern Kentucky	L	61-70
Austin Peay	L	62-66
Tennessee Tech	W	71-65
Tennessee State	L	79-82
Eastern Illinois	L	75-85
Southeast Missouri	W	78-63
UT-Martin	W	68-50
*Austin Peay	W	60-59
*Tennessee Tech	L	56-59

*-indicates Ohio Valley Conference Tournament games

Season Records: Overall: 10-20
OVC: 7-11

Top: Jonelda Buck grabs a rebound.

Left: Cortney Neeley leaps for two despite the presence of several Tennessee State players.

Cheerleaders

Rain or shine the MT&U cheerleaders brighten fans' spirits
and keep them roaring!



Front Row (left to right) : Rachel Widuch, Nicole Lester, Hollye Shakelford, Kristi Beeler, Katie Gilliam Tonya Lankford

Back Row: Tony Whitaker, Eric Edmondson, Billy Metts, Jonathon Walker, Jim VanWicklin, Mike Young

Go Raiders, Go!



Left: MTSU Cheerleaders perform a pyramid at the MTSU v. Tennessee Tech game.

Below Left: Performing a perfect diamond head at the Eastern Kentucky game are Katie Gilliam, Nicole Lester, Tonya Lankford and Larry Buck

Below: MTSU Cheerleaders cheer for the Raiders, while riding in the Homecoming Parade.



Golf Team

Rebuilding a Championship Team



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Left to Right: Head Coach Johnny Moore, Maine Brock, Richard Spangler, Whit Turnbow, Barrett Mann, and Johnny Warren

1997 Season Falls on Short Note

At the end of last year's season, the future of the OVC Championship golf team was up for debate, with only two members returning. However, the Blue Raider Golf team closed off another great season finishing 3rd overall in the Ohio Valley Conference. Senior Maine Brock, lead the team in overall individual averages with 11 tournaments, 31 rounds, 2280 strokes, and a 73.5 average. This lead him to receive the All Conference award.

In the Ohio Valley Conference Championship, Maine Brock finished 3rd with a four under par total of 212, and Freshman Richard Spangler finished 6th with one under par total of 215. On an overall average, the Blue Raiders shot 285, 5 shots off the pace.

Other outstanding players are Freshman Brett Alexander, who ranked 1st in the Panther Spring Intercollegiate Tournament. His individual ranking is at 11 tournaments, 31 rounds, 2313 strokes, and a 74.6 average.



Richard Spangler takes another swing to complete the Xavier Invitational in 8th place.



Upper left hand corner: Whit Turnbow chips onto the green during the USF/Ron Smith Invitational to tie for 9th place.

Right hand corner: Barrett Mann takes another shot to help the Blue Raiders win the 1997 Spring Panther Invitational.

Left: Brett Alexander putts one in to win first place at the Panther Spring Intercollegiate.

1996-97 Season

Mizuno/Peach State Invitational
Legends Intercollegiate
Kroger Intercollegiate
USA Fall Beach Classic
Gunby Jordan Intercollegiate
USF/Ron Smith Invitational
Matlock Collegiate Classic
Panther Spring Intercollegiate
Southern Junior/Senior
Xavier Invitational
OVC Championships

Finish

4th
8th
15th
15th
18th
7th
14th
1st
2nd
5th
3rd

Top Individual

Maine Brock, 1st
Maine Brock, tie 13th
Richard Spangler, tie 25th
Maine Brock, tie 17th
Maine Brock, tie 34th
Whit Turnbow, tie 9th
Brett Alexander, tie 13th
Brett Alexander, 1st
Maine Brock, tie 2nd
Alexander/Spangler, tie 8th
Maine Brock, 3rd

Lady Raider Tennis



Opponent

Vanderbilt
 UAB
 Georgia Tech
 South Alabama
 Louisville
 Southwestern Louisiana
 Kentucky
 Virginia Tech
 Mississippi State
 Ball State
 Arkansas-Little Rock
 Eastern Illinois
 Memphis
 Sanford
 Southeast Missouri
 Auburn
 UT-Chattanooga
 UT-Martin
 Austin Peay
 Murray State
 Morehead State
 Eastern Kentucky
 Tennessee Tech
 Tennessee State
 Morehead State
 Tennessee Tech
 UT-Martin

Result

L, 0-9
 W, 6-2
 L, 4-5
 L, 2-7
 L, 4-5
 W, 5-4
 L, 1-8
 L, 0-9
 L, 3-6
 W, 9-0
 W, 7-0
 W, 8-1
 W, 9-0
 W, 7-0
 W, 7-0
 W, 5-4
 W, 7-2
 W, 4-2
 W, 7-0
 W, 5-1
 PPD
 W, 7-0
 W, 4-0
 W, 6-0
 W, 4-0
 W, 4-0
 W, 4-0



Blue Raider Tennis



Opponent

South Florida
Michigan
Virginia
SW Louisiana
South Alabama
Wake Forest
Murray State
Tulsa
Minnesota
Texas A&M
Boise State
Alabama
Auburn
Kansas
Vanderbilt
UCLA
Eastern Illinois
Eastern Kentucky
Morehead State
Tennessee Tech
Tennessee State
Eastern Kentucky
Austin Peay
Tennessee Tech
Florida International
Alabama

Result

W, 5-1
W, 5-2
W, 6-1
W, 5-2
W, 4-3
W, 7-0
W, 4-0
W, 4-2
W, 4-0
W, 7-0
W, 4-2
W, 4-3
L, 3-4
L, 1-4
W, 5-2
L, 2-5
W, 4-0
W, 4-0
W, 5-0
W, 4-0
W, 6-0
W, 4-0
W, 4-0
W, 4-0
W, 5-1
L, 3-4



Lady Raider Softball

Opponent	Result
Tennessee	0-23, L
Marshall	7-8, L
Ohio	1-6, L
Tennessee	1-17, L
Tennessee	0-5, L/ 3-10, L
Southern Illinois	3-4, L/3-13, L
Yale	2-1, W
Providence	4-1, W
Vermont	2-1, W
Texas Tech	2-4, L
Hartford	4-0, W
Army	7-1, W
Liberty	2-0, W
Morehead State	4-2, W
Bradley	0-5, L
Cornell	5-13, L
Morehead State	3-2, W/ 6-7, L
Eastern Kentucky	4-3, W/ 3-0, W
Tennessee State	7-1, W/ 10-1, W
Auburn	10-5, W
Georgia Tech	1-0, W
Canisius	2-1, W
Youngtown State	5-4, W
Southwest Missouri	0-11, L
Kentucky	4-0, W/ 4-3, W
Southeast Missouri	3-10, L/ 2-3, L
Eastern Illinois	2-16, L/ 5-6, L
Austin Peay	11-2, W/ 8-7, W
Tennessee Tech	3-0, W/ 4-1, W
Ole Miss	2-3, L/ 2-0, W
Southern Utah	2-4, L/ 1-4, L
Tennessee State	9-0, W/ 18-0, W
Tennessee-Martin	2-0, W/ 3-4, L
Eastern Illinois	5-2, W/ 0-3, L
Southeast Missouri	0-4, L/ 2-5, L
Morehead State	4-0, W/ 0-1, L
Tennessee Tech	1-7, L/ 2-8, L
Tennessee-Martin	1-2, L
Austin Peay	1-3, L



Lady Raider Soccer



Opponent	Result
Mississippi State	0-5, L
Eastern Illinois	1-4, L
UT-Chattanooga	2-3, L
Jacksonville State	0-2, L
Georgia State	0-8, L
Arkansas-Little Rock	1-4, L
Tennessee Tech	1-0, W
Tennessee Tech	1-0, W
Southeast Louisiana	0-3, L
Alabama	Forfeit, L
Tennessee	0-4, L
Montevallo	0-4, L
Carson-Newman	0-1, L
Wofford	0-2, L
Tennessee Tech	2-0, W
Northwest Louisiana State	2-0, W
Ole Miss	0-10, L



1997 Season

Feb. 22	at Auburn	1-4 L
Feb. 22	at Auburn	7-11 L
Feb. 23	at Auburn	3-9 L
Feb. 25	at Univ. of Alabama	5-12 L
Feb. 27	at Univ. of Louisville	5-7 L
Feb. 28	at Univ. of Louisville	12-3 W
March 1	Georgia State Univ.	9-3 W
March 1	Georgia State Univ.	7-6 W
March 9	Cumberland	6-5 W
March 11	at Alabama-Birmingham	0-1 L
March 12	at Alabama-Birmingham	13-12 W
March 15	Tennessee Tech	2-4 L
March 15	Tennessee Tech	7-1 W
March 16	Tennessee Tech	12-0 W
March 19	at Memphis	13-3 W
March 19	at Memphis	4-0 W
March 22	at Eastern Kentucky	1-3 L
March 22	at Eastern Kentucky	4-3 W
March 23	at Eastern Kentucky	7-5 W
March 26	at Indiana State	9-8 W
March 26	at Indiana State	3-6 L
March 28	Eastern Illinois	8-1 W
March 28	Eastern Illinois	7-4 W
March 29	Eastern Illinois	3-6 L
April 1	at Western Kentucky	10-11 L
April 2	Univ. of Alabama	6-9 L
April 5	at Tennessee-Martin	12-9 W
April 6	at Tennessee-Martin	9-2 W
April 6	at Tennessee-Martin	0-2 L
April 8	Cumberland	9-6 W
April 9	at Tennessee	6-12 L
April 12	Evansville	7-3 W
April 13	Evansville	10-14 L
April 14	at Cumberland	3-1 W
April 15	Memphis	16-8 W
April 16	Memphis	9-8 W
April 19	at Austin Peay	7-9 L
April 19	at Austin Peay	1-10L
April 20	at Austin Peay	5-2 W
April 23	at Tennessee	3-13 L
April 26	Southeast Missouri	12-3 W
April 26	Southeast Missouri	10-9 W
April 27	Southeast Missouri	12-6 W
April 29	at Vanderbilt	4-5 L
April 29	at Vanderbilt	9-10 L
May 3	at Morehead State	6-7 L
May 4	at Morehead State	8-5 W
May 4	at Morehead	12-6 L
May 6	Alabama-Birmingham	9-4 W
May 7	Alabama-Birmingham	8-16 L
May 10	Murray state	3-0 W
May 10	Murray State	7-3 W
May 11	Murray State	18-4 W
May 15	Southeast Missouri	0-4 L
May 16	Austin Peay	6-9 L



Blue Raider Baseball



G R E E K S





The shape of the letters in the name are not as important as the friendships, traditions, and ties that complete these organizations of brothers and sisters.

However, the memories that are made will never change, despite what may come.....

Alpha Delta Pi



Alpha Delta Pi

Founded: 1851

Colors: Azure blue and white

Number of members: 115

Officers:

President- Jana Turner

Executive VP- Amy Packett

Membership Education- Alanna Byars

Treasurer- Leam Goff

Alpha Education Chair- Ashley Allen

Rush Chair- Jennifer Jones

Standards Chair- Jennifer Vannata

Philanthropy- Tristan Gordon

Panhellenic Representative- Amy Sawyer

Alpha Omicron Pi



Alpha Omicron Pi

Founded: 1897

Color: Cardinal

Number of Members: 112

Officers:

President: Dana Park

VP of Administration- Jill Kreider

VP of Education- Aimee Seely

Chapter Relations- Holly Wright

Treasurer- Shannon Hicks, Tracy Walker

Rush- Sara Woosley

Scholarship- Jody McHugh

Rec. Secretary- Kelly Hall

Panhellenic Representative- Kathrynne Fowler

New member ed.- Julie Hendrick

Philanthropic- Kealie Frazier

Public Relations- Kristen Lovett

Social- Jill Brue

Ritual- Melanie Owens

Alumni Relations- Ashley Harrison

Chi Omega



Chi Omega

Founded: 1895

Colors: Cardinal and straw

Chapter: Zeta Theta

Members: 80



Delta Zeta



Delta Zeta

Founded: 1902

Colors: Rose and Green

Members: 80

President- Jessica Sheehan

VP of Membership- Heather Beach

VP of New Members- Mindy McMillian

VP of Program- Stephanie Stevens

VP of Compliance- Salleye Franklin

Secretary- Sunday Monday

Academics- Jill Johnson

Treasurer- Cynthia Skinner

Pulic Relations- Kelly Kirby

Kappa Delta



Kappa Delta

Founded: 1897

Colors: Olive green and Pearl White

Chapter: Delta Pi

Members: 100

Officers:

President- Melanie Tock

VP Pledge Education- Laura Watson

VP Public Relations- Katy Francisco

VP Standards- Whitney Pix

VP Membership- Kelly Guy

Secretary- Shahanna Carter

Treasurer- Carrie DefLaurierf

Asst. Treasurer- Johanna Wolverton

Panhellenic Representative- Susan Groves

88 Greeks



Zeta Tau Alpha



Zeta Tau Alpha

Founded: 1989

Colors: Turquoise and Gray

Members: 67

President- Jessica Sheehan

VP of Membership- Heather Beach

VP of New Members- Mindy McMillian

VP of Program- Stephanie Stevens

VP of Compliance- Salleye Franklin

Secretary- Sunday Monday

Academics- Jill Johnson

Treasurer- Cynthia Skinner

Pulic Relations- Kelly Kirby

Beta Theta Pi



Beta Theta Pi

Founded: 1893

Colors: Pink and Blue

Number of Members: 50



Kappa Alpha



Kappa Alpha
Founded: 1865
Chapter: Delta Lambda



Kappa Sigma



Kappa Sigma

Founded: 1869

***"The ideals we pursue determine who we are
and what we will become."***

Kappa Sigma Mission Statement



PI Kappa Alpha



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Sigma Alpha Epsilon



Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Founded: 1969

Colors: Purple and Gold

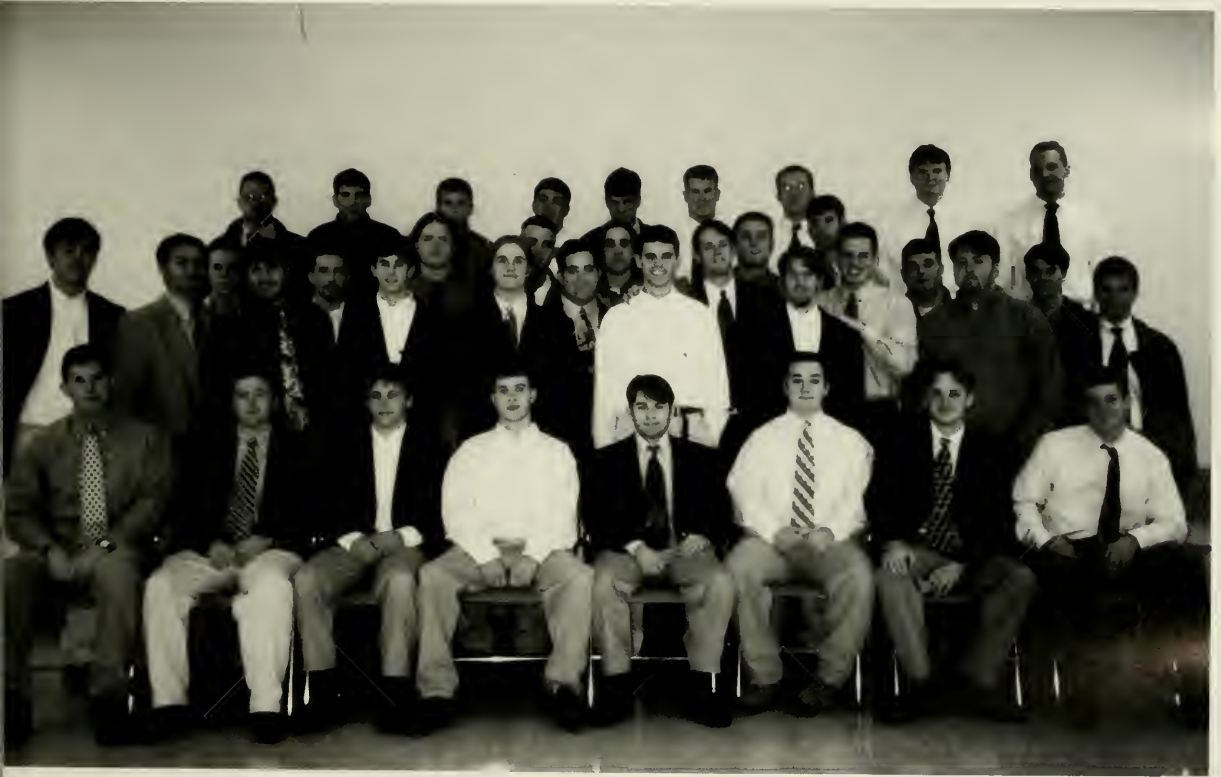
Members: 71



Sigma
Alpha
Epsilon



Sigma Nu



Sigma Nu

Founded: 1970

Officers:

Commander- David Harvey

Lt. Commander- TJ Hewitt

Treasurer- Chuck Bibeau

Recorder- Chris Yates

Chaplain- Stephen Hannah

Candidate Marshall- Case Robertson

Social- Jason Tombs



Sigma Phi Epsilon



Sigma Phi Epsilon

Founded: 1977

Colors: Purple and Gold

Members: 50



Sigma Chi



Sigma Chi
Founded: 1897

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The
Shape
of
Our
Experiences





College is more than textbooks, classes, and lectures. For many MTSU students, college is about becoming involved in an organization that you believe in. Most organizations not only benefit the students of MTSU, but also the community in which it thrives.



Organizations...



The collegiate experience is more than about going to class, it is about growing in all aspects of your life, whether is to be in leadership, commitment to objectives, working as a team player, getting along with others, or just having fun. College provides the opportunity to do all this and more.

MTSU has more than 200 clubs and organizations that provide a variety of opportunities, whether they are professional organizations, departmental, honorary or special interest. Individually, these groups can provide opportunities for personal growth in an area of interest; collectively, they provide a spirit of community at the university.

So whether you are interested in professional development, creative development, spiritual development, networking or socializing, there is something here for everyone.

All student groups are able to organize and be officially recognized, meet in university facilities and petition the Student Activity Fee Committee for funds generated by the student activity fee. These monies can be used to organize special events and help fund trips for competitions.

Some of MTSU's professional and departmental organizations include: Advertising Club, Aerospace Maintenance Club, Agricultural Council, Air Force ROTC Club, Alpha Delta Mu, Alpha Eta Rho, American Criminal Justice Association, American Society of Interior Design, Anthropological Society, Association of Computing Machinery, Association of Graduate Students, Association of Recording Management, Audio Engineering Society, Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Beta Beta, Biology Club, Block and Bridle, Blue Brigade Drill Team, Channel 8, Chemical Society, Collegiate FFA Club, Communications Disorders Club, Construction Specification Institute, Dairy Science Club, Data Processing Management, Delta Tau Alpha, Equestrian Team, Financial Management Association, Gamma Beta Phi, Gamma Iota Sigma, Geography Club, Geology Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, Honors Student Association, Kappa Omicron Nu Honors Society, National Association of Black Journalist, National Association of Homebuilders, National Press Photographers Association, Omega Phi Alpha, Omicron Delta Epsilon, Order of Omega, Phi Beta Lambda, Phi Epsilon Kappa, Phi Mu Delta, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Pi Sigma Epsilon, Pinnacle, Pre-Law Society, Pre-Veterinary Medical Society, Sigma Alpha, Sigma Delta Sigma, Sigma Romeo, Sigma Tau Delta, Sigma Theta Tau, Society of Professional Journalists, Tau Omicron, and Upsilon Pi Epsilon.

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Get Involved!

Student organizations provide opportunities for involvement



Getting Involved at MTSU...

Some of the campus' special interest organizations include: African-American Student Association, Baha'i Association, Bahakti Yoga Club, Baptist Student Union, Bowling Club, Campus Crusade for Christ, Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry, Catholic Student Center, Chinese Student Association, Christian Music Society, Church of Christ Student Center, Church of God in Christ Revival on Campus, Citizens for Action, Club Otaku, College Democrats, College Republicans, Collegiate 100, Collegiate Exchange Club of Murfreesboro, Crimson Knights, Dirt Burners, Erudite Emancipators, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Flag Raiders, Flying Raiders, Forrest Raiders, French Club, Future Airport Executives, Hispanic Student Association, Horseman's Association, HPERS club, Intercollegiate Debate Association, Interfraternity Council, International Association of Jazz Ensembles, International Television Association.

Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, Ladies of Black and Gold, Ladies of Omega, Lambda Association, Latter Day Saint Student Association, Medieval Re-enactment Society of Murfreesboro, Men's Soccer Club, Middle Tennessee Marauders, Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivity, Minority Graduate Student Association, Mock Trial Society, MTSU Fencing Club, Music Educators National Conference, Music Women International, NAACP, National Art Educators Association, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Native America Heritage Society, Navigators, Nuke Proof Ministries, Organization for Students Safety, OWLS, Panhellenic, Preprofessional/Graduate Student, Plant and Soil Science Club, Presbyterian student Fellowship, Psi Chi/Psychology Club, Public Relations Student Society of America.

Radio Television News Directors Association, Raider Assistance Project, Raider Party, Raider Victory Fellowship, Rugby Club, S.H.A.R.E./Bacchus, SANKOFA, Seventh-Day Adventist Student Fellowship, Society for Human Resource Management, Society of International Affairs, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Society of Motion Picture and Television, Society of Physics Students, Spanish Club of MTSU, Student Advisory Committee, Student Alumni Association, Student Association for Supervision, Student Council for Exceptional Children, Student Government Association, Student Nurses Association, Student Pagan Organization, Student Songwriter Association, Student Tennessee Education Association, Student Athletic Trainers Association, Tennessee Right to Life Group, United Residence Hall Association, Urban Music Association, Voices of Praise Gospel Choir, Volleyball Club, Wesley Foundation, WMTS, Women's Rugby, Women's Political Action group, and Writers Ink.





The National Coalition of 100 Black Women was started in October of 1980. It was founded as an organization committed to promoting and supporting professional African-American women and also to enable them to reach out into the community and help others strive to better themselves. MTSU has the third collegiate chapter and is the first nonhistorically black university to join the national organization.

The MTSU Collegiate Chapter's Constitution states that its purpose is to recapture the consciousness of the African-American woman; meaning, the members are responsible for the reeducation of Black women; uplifting themselves; promoting Afro-centric consciousness; and educating Black women of their responsibility to the African-American community. The mission states that the chapter will promote the academic, professional, and cultural development of African-American women through unity and communication. The chapter will also identify and address the needs and concerns of the African-American woman.



1997 OFFICERS

President-Rhonda Hooks

President's Executive Assistant-Courtney Bates

Vice-President-I'nez Chopfield

Vice-President's Exe. Assistant-Quientella Brown

Secretary-Sharena Gentry

Treasurer-Loretta Johnson

Sergeant-At-Arms-Loretta Kidd

Advisor-Gale Gaines

The Executive Board members include: Grad. Nicole Moore, Sr. Jeanette Robbins, Sr. Monica Miller, Jr. Virgie Chaffen, Jr., So. Dorlinda Rowe, So. Melissa Reed, Fr. Tiffany Hilliard, and Fr. Stephanie Hancock.



National Coalition of 100 Black Women

Motto: Excuses are monuments to nothing that build bridges to nowhere. People who use them are often failures and conquerors of nothing.

MTSU



Band of Blue



Gamma Iota Sigma: Omega Chapter



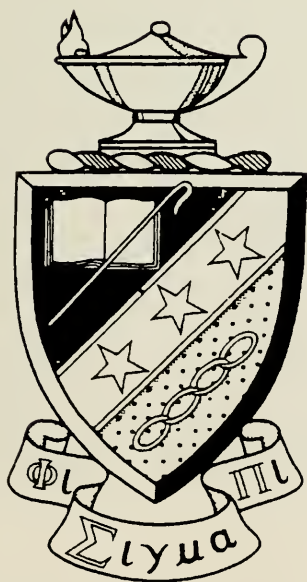
Left to Right: Jacinda Jones, Marcus Pipken, Sarah Hughes, Jeanie Early, Mike Verble, Brian Logsdon, Margaret Cantrell, Stephanie McClain, and Dr. Norman-Zeitz. Second Row: Lyric Lewis, Marcus Flatt, Brian Clark, Stagg Greene, Sherry Chen, Marhta Stroud, Todd Brauch, and Bob Garth. Last Row: Dr. Hollman, Karl Vanderbaugh, Antonio Sandridge, Khal Brazzari, Tracy Avrett, Jeff Warta, and Warren Potts.

The Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma was created on the middle Tennessee State University campus in the Spring of 1984 and has proven to be one of the most active chapters in the country. Omega Chapter members have engaged in numerous fund-raising and professional activities and have been active in supporting community projects. The chapter won the National fraternity's Bowers Award as the most outstanding chapter in the country for both 1985-86 and 1989-90. It has won at least one award every year since its creation, with a total of 16.

Individual members have received a number of scholarships and awards at the local and national level. More than 20 students per year hold scholarships provided by insurance agents, agency groups, or carriers. The Omega chapter's purpose is to encourage intellectual growth of members, to enhance contact with the insurance industry, and to promote scholarship, internship, and career opportunities.

PHI SIGMA PI

National Honor Fraternity



Baptist Student Union

The Baptist Student Union, or BSU, is an organization that opens activities to all people. The BSU offers a wide variety of activities and ministries, but are similar to, and supportive of other campus ministries at MTSU. The organization was created to offer Christian students opportunities for worship, Bible study, fellowship, missions, and ministry involvement. Also, the program strives to encourage non-Christian students to consider relevance of Christ to their lives. The BSU is established in such a way that they are able to reach out to students whom they are able to involve with the hopes of encouraging them to reach out to the campus through their classes and dorms. It is the goal of the BSU to mature young believers that come to MTSU, while reaching out and evangelizing those students who still do not know Jesus Christ.





Above: Robbie Lockerman, Pam Elliot, and Mandy Franklin organize food for the needy, during the BSU Spring Break Mission trip to Washington D.C.

Left: Kimberly Hawkins, Ben Curtis, Michelle Crosslin, and Robin Roberts roast marshmallows at the BSU winter retreat to Cedars of Lebanon State Park.

Omega Phi Alpha



Organization for Student Safety



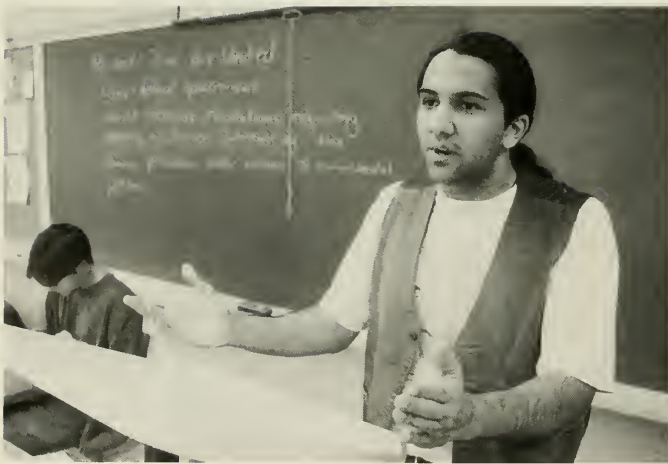
One Hundred Black Women



SGA

Student Government Association











The
Shape
of
Our
Future





Each student at MTSU is here to further their education. This is probably the only thing that the entire student body has in common. Some students have already made their career choices, others all still trying to find the right one. However, the future for each is still undecided.

People...

Jennifer Agee
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Phyllis Albright
 Columbia, Tn
Keisha Allen
 Memphis, Tn
Ganena M. Angelo
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Terri Anglin
 Linden, Tn



Pamela Aviza
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Kimberly Baer
 Tullahoma, Tn
Michael Balongie
 Smyrna, Tn
W.M. Lauren Bandy
 Nashville, Tn
Jason Barbour
 Murfreesboro, Tn



Brandy Barnes
 Antioch, Tn
Bradley Bartels
 Antioch, Tn
Anita Bartlett
 Celina, Tn
Khaldown Barzari
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Dana Basham
 Nashville, Tn



Khary Bates
 Athens, Ga
Melinda Rae Bayless
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Tony M. Beard
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Stephanie Bellis
 College Grove, Tn
Derek L. Blake
 Chattanooga, Tn



Kelley Bosworth
 Chattanooga, Tn
Many Boualaphanh
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Trelanda Boyd
 Nashville, Tn
Tonya Boyer
 Nashville, Tn
Christopher Bradley
 Nashville, Tn





Melinda Brewer
Winchester, Tn
Brenda Brewster
Bandy, Va
Marilyn Denise Briggs
Brentwood, Tn
Jon Brown
Savannah, Tn
Marvette Brown
Murfreesboro, Tn



Shanelle Bryan
Manchester, Tn
Angela Burkett
Murfreesboro, Tn
Bryan Burnett
Harriman, Tn
Beth Burns
Columbia, Tn
Angela Burrow
Atwood, Tn

Who's Who

Steven Barnes, a junior, was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Inc., International Television Association, National Association of Black Journalists, Collegiate 100, NAACP, and the University Mentoring Program. He has served on the Academic Master Plan Committee, SGA Funds Committee, National African-American Student Leadership Conference Planning Committee. Steven was also Pole March of Kappa Alpha Psi, Vice-President of NABJ, and Collegiate 100. He is the recipient of the Karla Winfrey Journalism Scholarship, University Mentoring Program Scholarship, 1996 Ebony Achievement Awards, and Student Leader of the Year.

Anita J. Bartlett, a senior, was a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Tau Omicron Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, and a member of the Lady Raider Track team. She has served on the United Greek Council, and as secretary for Sigma Gamma Rho. Anita is a recipient of the CSCC scholarship.

Julie Cardwell, a senior, was a member of the student Tennessee Education Association, Presbyterian Student Fellowship, and Chi Omega. She has served on Chi Omega's Rush Committee and Homecoming Committee. Julie has served as Vice-President, Homecoming Chairman, Scholarship Chairman, Parliamentarian, Song Leader, Assistant Treasurer, By-Law Chairman for Chi Omega. She is the recipient of President's List, Dean's List, Tau Omicron Honorary Women's Society. Julie participates in Habitat for Humanity, Let's Build A Playground, Read Aloud, and Campus Clean-Up.

Sherry Chen, a senior, was a member of the Financial Management Association, MTSU chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma, National Insurance Professional organization, Pinnacle, National Honorary Society for Non-traditional students, Student Programs and Special events, MTSU Student Life. She has served on the committees for Fine Art and Concerts in Student Programs and Special events. Sherry is a recipient of the National Business and Professional Women's Foundation Scholarship, Chair of Insurance Scholarship, and the Department of Economic and Finance Faculty Award.

Philip E. Crabtree, a senior, was a member of Association of Recording Management Students, Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, SGA Mass Communications Senator, TISL, and Mass Commrades. He has served on the committee for the 1996 Homecoming Queen's Reception, President, Marshal, and Scholarship Director for Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, and House Representative for Mass Commrades. Philip is a recipient of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Dean's List, and the National Dean's List. He is also a member of the MTSU Rugby Team.

Kena O. Davis, a senior, was a member of Erudite Emancipators, University Mentoring Program, Pi Sigma Epsilon. She has served as Co-Coordinator of the African-American Student Leadership Conference, and Director of Information for the Erudite Emancipators. Kena is a recipient of the Dean's List and an Academic Service Scholarship. She also participates in Habitat for Humanity.

June Caldwell
Smithville, Tn
Jennifer Campbell
Lewisburg, Tn
Mechelle Carter
Franklin, Tn
Amy Cates
Winchester, Tn
Amy Cathey
Nashville, Tn



Sherry Chen
Murfreesboro, Tn
Inez Chopfield
New Orleans, La
Misty Clark
Chapel Hill, Tn
Jennifer Clemans
Murfreesboro, Tn
Matthew Cochran
Murfreesboro, Tn



Who's Who

Ryan Durham, a junior, was a member of Beta Theta Pi, SGA, Inter fraternity council, Sigma Delta Sigma, Writer's Ink, College Democrats, Tennessee Board of Regents Student Committee Member. He has served on committees for the Academic Master Plan Steering, Student Appeals, Students with Disabilities. Ryan was SGA Speaker of the Senate, IFC Scholarship Chairman, Beta Theta Pi Scholarship Chairman, and Parliamentarian. He is the recipient of the John H. Duncan Award and Scholarship, and is a volunteer at the Children's Discovery House.

Tanish L. Harris, a senior, was a member of University Mentoring Program, NAACP, Erudite Emancipators, African-American Student Association, and Pre-Graduate Profession Student Section. She has served on committees for the 1996 Welcome Freshmen Symposium, and 1996 African-American Student Leadership Conference. Tanisha was Treasurer of the NAACP, and Conference Coordinator for the African-American Student Leadership Conference. She is a recipient of the 1996 Certificate of Encouragement from the Ebony Achievement Awards, and Outstanding Student Award for the African-American Leadership Association. Tanisha was the 1996 Homecoming Queen.

Kathleen Elise Hill, a senior, was a member of Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center. She served on the Student Government Association Homecoming Committee and was in charge of the Queen's Tea and Half-Time Activities. Kathleen is active at the North Boulevard Church of Christ and is currently teaching a Sunday School Class.

Judy Hugh, a graduate, was a member of the Association of Secretaries and Clerical Employees, Dames Club, and Delta Zeta Sorority. She has served on the committee for the ASCE Scholarship, in which she served as Chairman. Judy is a recipient of the OWLs Pinnacle Award, and has served on the Parish Council at St. Rose Church.

Brent D. Johnson, a senior, was a member of Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society and Phi Mu Delta. He has served on the Student Government Association Food Service Committee. Brent is a recipient of the MTSU Leadership Performance Scholarship, Dean's List, Who's Who among Students in American Colleges.

Lindsay Michelle Kirby, a junior, was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, Gamma Beta Phi honors society, Tau Omicron, and Public Relations Student Society of America. She has served on the Alpha Delta Pi committees for membership, education, scholarship, and the Executive Board. Lindsay is a recipient of the MTSU Presidential Scholarship and the Dean's List.



Chad Colwell
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Carlos Comer
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Jennifer Constance
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Tammy Craft
 Nashville, Tn
Amy Craig
 Fayetteville, Tn

Shannon Crews
 Nashville, Tn
Tiffany Cromwell
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Tracy Culver
 Sale Creek, Tn
Camilla Davenport
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Jessica Davenport
 Mt. Juliet, Tn

Keith Davenport
 Kingsport, Tn
Diana Davis
 Mt. Pleasant, Tn
Kena Davis
 Chattanooga, Tn
Keri Davis
 Old Fort, Tn
Tonya Davis
 Whitwell, Tn

Priscilla Deal-Wiggins
 Smyrna, Tn
Brian Derryberry
 Columbia, Tn
Jennifer Dicus
 Hohenwald, Tn
Mia Doan
 Nashville, Tn
Tamra Doolittle
 Hendersonville, Tn

Melissa Ann Douglas
 Nashville, Tn
Gwendolyn Dozier
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Tonia Drake
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Sean Driver
 Dowelltown, Tn
Catherine Dubose
 Columbia, Tn

Jill Duck
Regan, Tn
Stephen Duncan
Nashville, Tn
Laura Dunn
Brentwood, Tn
Lee G. Durham
Williamsburg, Ky
Lisa Eastland
Murfreesboro, Tn



Deborah Edwards
Murfreesboro, Tn
Rhonda Eli
Hendersonville, Tn
Natasha Elliott-Lamons
Normandy, Tn
Dawn Michelle Ernst
Antioch, Tn
Pamela Erwin
Columbia, Tn



Paul Farley
McMinnville, Tn
Teresa Fletcher
Murfreesboro, Tn
Julie Ford
Whitwell, Tn
Jenifer Frensley
Hermitage, Tn
Christian Fritz
Nashville, Tn



Kristine Gentry
Englewood, Tn
Carl Gibbs
Murfreesboro, Tn
Christopher Gipson
Decherd, Tn
Kimberly Glover
Murfreesboro, Tn
Greg Goldfarb
Manassas, Va



Camille Gray
Murfreesboro, Tn
Jamie Groce
Fayetteville, Tn
Janet Groce
Murfreesboro, Tn
Susan Guin
Molensville, Tn
Heather Hale
Englewood, Tn





Tonya Hammond
Murfreesboro, Tn
Brian Hanger
Winchester, Tn
Derek Hanson
Northville, Ea
Holly R. Harrison
Goodlettsville, Tn
Kimberly Hart
Brentwood, Tn



Donna Haynes
Christiana, Tn
Ronda Hays
Murfreesboro, Tn
Chris Hazlewood
Murfreesboro, Tn
Jody Hensley
Lynchburg, Tn
Brian J. Higgins
Murfreesboro, Tn

Who's Who

Leonard Anthony Mathews, a senior, was a member of the MTSU Society of International affairs, Golden Key National Honor Society, Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, and MTSU Astronomical Society. He has served on the Student Government Association Election Commission, and as President for the Society of International Affairs and the Golden Key National Honor Society. Leonard is a recipient of the Scarlet Knight United Nations Conference Best Delegate Award, and has received an honorable mention at the Southeastern Invitational Model United Nations Conference. He also participates at the 2nd Harvest Food Bank in Nashville and the Smyrna Lion's Club.

Melissa Nicole McCoy, a junior, was a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Student Orientation, Mock Trial, Wesley Foundation, and a Judicial Board Applicant. She has served on the Traffic Court, Supreme Court, Public Relations, Homecoming, and Student Programming Committees. Melissa is a recipient of the "Most Outstanding SOA" Award, and is ranked #2 attorney in the region for Mock Trial. She is also a Karate and self defense instructor and is a Dollywood Theme Park performer.

Sterling McNeal, a senior, was a member of Erudite Emancipators, Collegiate 100, University Mentoring Program, Kaleidoscope, Alpha Eta Rho, and Gamma Beta Phi. He has served on the committees for the African American Student Leadership Conference, Homecoming, Ad Hoc, and Activity Fee. Sterling has served as President and SGA Representative for Erudite Emancipators, Vice-President for Collegiate 100, and Traffic Court Justice. He also participates in Victors of Peace, and "Getting to Know You," and has his private pilot's license.

Rachel Leigh Morley, a senior, was a member of Alpha Delta Pi, Gamma Beta Phi, Tau Omicron, Gamma Mu Society, Student Ambassador, and Student Orientation. She has served on Alpha Delta Pi Committees for All Sing, Fight Song, and the Executive Board. Rachel was a member of the 1994-95 indoor/ outdoor track team, and spoke at the Sociological Symposium in 1995. She also participates as a volunteer for Domestic Violence Shelter and Ronald McDonald House.

Sarah Madison Russell, a junior, was a member of the Student Alumni Association, Alpha Delta Pi, Student Ambassadors, Alpha Omega, Right to Life, and Campus Crusade for Christ. She has served on the Alpha Delta Pi Committee for new members, and as secretary. Sarah also serves as secretary for the Student Alumni Association, and Right to Life. She is a recipient of the Outstanding Sophomore Honors Student Award, Dean's list for four semesters and receives the Presidential Scholarship.

Christopher High
Lebanon, Tn
Ronnie Holt
Murfreesboro, Tn
Rhonda Hooks
Murfreesboro, Tn
John Hope
Murfreesboro, Tn
Tracey Horner
Reagan, Tn



Margie Hughes
Murfreesboro, Tn
Shasta Hunziker
Tracy City, Tn
Roger Irwin
Antioch, Tn
Brenda Jackson
Murfreesboro, Tn
David Ray Jackson, Jr.
Blenheim, Sc



Who's Who

Lori H. Smith, a junior, was a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Beta Psi chapter, Gamma Beta Phi honor society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Beta Alpha Psi, Campus Crusade for Christ, and Student Programming. She has served as charter treasurer for Phi Sigma Pi. Lori is a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship, National Dean's List, and Outstanding services officer of Phi Sigma Pi.

Gloria Dawn Throneberry, a senior, was a member of Kappa Omicron Nu, Tau Omicron Honor Society, Student Advisory Committee for Human Science, Kappa Delta Pi, College Republicans, and Pre-Professional Graduate section of Tennessee. She has served on committees for Homecoming, Open House for Kappa Omicron Nu, and Student Census Advisory Committee. Gloria was Vice Chairman for college Republicans, Senator in SGA, and Historian of Kappa Omicron Nu. She participates as a Red Cross Volunteer, and Young Republicans Miles of Dimes Toy Drive.

Jana Turner, a junior, was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority, Gamma Beta Phi, Student Ambassadors, RAP, SGA, and Channel 8's "Pro Talk Live" Anchor. She has served on Alpha Delta Pi's committees for Fight Song, Homecoming, and All-Sing. Jana was an SGA senator, Alpha Delta Pi's Executive Vice President, and Student Ambassadors' Board Member. She is a recipient of the Leadership Performance Scholarship, Interact Scholarship, and the Tascoe Scholarship.

Chadwick Curtis White, a senior, was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, Raider Party, TISL, and College Republicans. He has served on committees for the THEC Articulation Task Force, Homecoming, Ad Hoc Parking, and is a student member of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. Chad is a recipient of the MTSU Presidential and Leadership/Performance scholarship and is a member of the Golden Key and Pi Sigma Alpha honor societies.

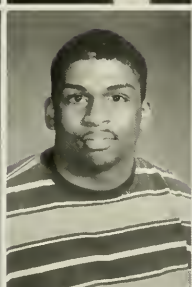
Teresa Ann Wilson, a senior, was a member of Chi Omega, 4-H Club, and P.S.F. She has served on committees for Public Relations, Spirit, Chaplain, and Community service. Teresa is a recipient of the Dean's list, Panhellenic scholarship, Chi Omega scholarship, and the James C. Hailey Scholarship. She is also a member of Preserve the Area's Rural Qualities, and has received the Second Mile Award from the YMCA.



Barbara Johnson
Nashville, Tn
Donald Johnson
Nashville, Tn
Sharon Johnson
Murfreesboro, Tn
Valarie Johnson
Murfreesboro, Tn
Lynnette Jolly
Cumberland Furnace, Tn



Jason Jones
Milan, Tn
Patti Jones
McMinnville, Tn
Jill Jordan
Nashville, Tn
Leigh Ann Joyner
Franklin, Tn
Chitquita Junt
Hermitage, Tn



Scott Keith
Ardmore, Tn
Gyasi Kellam
Nashville, Tn
Jean Kelly
Tullahoma, Tn
Shane Kimbro
Nashville, Tn
William Kitchen
Murfreesboro, Tn



Christopher Knestrick
Harrisonburg, Va
Trisha Krauth
Tullahoma, Tn
Judy Lamb
Rockvale, Tn
Kristen Langston
Nashville, Tn
Krista Lashley
Cottontown, Tn



C. Joanne Laxson
McMinnville, Tn
Jongbeom Lee
Old Hickory, Tn
Keefe Lemmon
Shelbyville, Tn
Amanda Lewis
Smithville, Tn
Christopher Logan
Alpharetta, Ga

Rita Lynch
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Anita Jeanne Markham
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Ruthie Marshall
 Gallatin, Tn
Patricia Martin
 Jackson, Tn
Rob Mattingly
 Murfreesboro, Tn



Amy Maze
 Antioch, Tn
Latresa McCarroll
 Nashville, Tn
L. Michael McCoin
 Manchester, Tn
Charles D. McCullough
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Usani McElvain
 Chattanooga, Tn



April McFadden
 Nashville, Tn
Christy McInturf
 Manchester, Tn
Sterling McNeal
 Memphis, Tn
William Meckstroth
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Celinda Miller
 Murfreesboro, Tn



Mark Miller
 Marietta, Ga
Tina Miller
 Christiana, Tn
Wendy J. Mixon
 Nashville, Tn
Jeremy Moore
 Nashville, Tn
Merin Morris
 Palm City, Fl



Christy Mott
 Brentwood, Tn
Richard Mullins
 Mt. Juliet, Tn
Sheryl Murphy
 Santa Fe, Tn
Amber Lee Mustard
 Antioch, Tn
Nikole Newlon
 Murfreesboro, Tn





Lydia Nicks
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Carolina Nunley
 McMinnville, Tn
Yvonne F. Ortiz-Fisher
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Hayley Osborne
 Tullahoma, Tn
Kenneth Owens
 Murfreesboro, Tn

Monica Partin
 Hillsboro, Tn
Jeremy Pate
 Columbia, Tn
Daniel Percey II
 Smyrna, Tn
Vincent Phipps
 Chattanooga, Tn
Saysouda Phrachak
 Murfreesboro, Tn



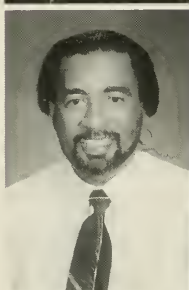
Brian G. Miller

Above: Who would ever think that newspapers and aluminum cans could fund scholarships? MTSU does, with recycling centers placed throughout campus funds are raised by collecting trash.

Melynda D. Powers
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Torrina Reeves
 Hartsville, Tn
Melissa Reid
 Manchester, Tn
Rob Rhea
 Greeneville, Tn
April Lynn Rice
 Jackson, Tn



Myles Cooper Ridley
 Nashville, Tn
Cassandra Roberts
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Daniel Roberts
 Elizabethton, Tn
Jennifer Robinson
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Eva Rollins
 Murfreesboro, Tn



Brian G. Miller

Above: Dorms were over crowded at the beginning of the fall semester, resulting in extra beds and roommates being added to rooms.



William Ross
Smyra, Tn
Barbara Rucker-Davis
Lavergne, Tn
Bryant Russell
Murfreesboro, Tn
William Sanders III
Goodlettsville, Tn
Joy L. Sapp
Murfreesboro, Tn



James Savley
Hermitage, Tn
Jennifer M. Schwartz
Murfreesboro, Tn
Tonya Scott
Hendersonville, Tn
Jewelne Segroves
Shelbyville, Tn
Amanda Shaw
Wartrace, Tn



Robin Shumate
Nashville, Tn
Shanna Simmons
Wartrace, Tn
Martin L. Sims
Huntland, Tn
Gabriel Smith
Linden, Tn
Gwendolyn Smith
Signal Mtn, Tn



Penny Smith
Nashville, Tn
Andrea Spann
Charlotte, Tn
Ashley Spencer
Shelbyville, Tn
Richard Sprouse
Hermitage, Tn
Karrie Stanfill
Scotts Hill, Tn



Micayahn Steele
Murfreesboro, Tn
Kristie Stephens
Hermitage, Tn
Myron Stephens
Hermitage, Tn
Lisa Stepp
Brentwood, Tn
Alan Still
Murfreesboro, Tn

Brian Stinson
 Antioch, Tn
Jerry Donovan Stockwell
 Palmer, Tn
Jack Christopher Summers
 Smithville, Tn
Marvin Summers
 Tampa, Fl
Dontay Talley
 Nashville, Tn



DaiToniya Taylor
 Fayetteville, Tn
Jason Taylor
 Niceville, Fl
Terri Lynn Taylor
 Knoxville, Tn
Lee Taylor, Jr.
 Covington, Tn
Marisa Terry
 Memphis, Tn



Angel Thomas
 Mt. Juliet, Tn
Micky Thompson
 Spring Hill, Tn
Abbie Todd
 Columbia, Tn
Katrina Tucker
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Kevin Tucker
 Georgetown, Tn



Veronica Turner
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Christy Walsh
 Franklin, Tn
Jeremy Weaver
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Darren Welch
 Old Hickory, Tn
Melissa Wells
 Blountville, Tn



Dwayne West
 Lexington, Ky
Gina Wheat
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Jennifer Wheeler
 Lewisburg, Tn
Chadwick C. White
 Murfreesboro, Tn
Shelly White
 Old Fort, Tn





Christie Whiticker
Gallatin, Tn
Kara Williams
Murfreesboro, Tn
Stacie Williams
Prospect, Tn
Victoria R. Williams
Murfreesboro, Tn
Julie Williamson
Cosby, Tn

Melaney Willis
Murfreesboro, Tn
Susan S. Willoughby
Franklin, Tn
Teresa Ann Wilson
Readyville, Tn
Teresa Womble
Shellbyville, Tn
Sherry Woodall
Gallatin, Tn

Rhonda Woodruff
Cunningham, Tn
Angela D. York
Nashville, Tn



Relaxing on the Knoll in front of the KUC, a group of students take a break from class by talking with friends.

AJ Bahou
Murfreesboro, Tn
Donna Barham Emmons
Smithville, Tn
Meredith Higgs
Estill Springs, Tn
Jeanette McKinnley
Murfreesboro, Tn
Salameh Mrayyan
Old Hickory, Tn



Lore Sprouse
Hermitage, Tn



Steve Purinton

Practicing his nights away, freshman Adam Hames perfects selections for the MTSU Wind Ensemble.



Steve Purinton

Face painting was a popular attraction for children at this year's Jazz Festival.

Jerome Allen, SO
William Allen, FR
Fonda Alsop, JR
Daniel Alverson, FR
Emily Averson, FR



Tonya Arms, FR
Ebony Armstrong, FR
Robert Ashburn, SO
Alicea Bailey, FR
Lesli Bales, SO



Patricia Ann Barry, NS
Larry Barwick, FR
Courtney Bates, FR
Tricia Beecham, FR
Jacqueline Berry, NS



Jeremy Bethea, FR
Heather Biggers, FR
Andre Booker, SO
Lorelei Bowden, JR
Vickie Breece, FR



Michael Briggs, FR
Shalonda Brooks, FR
Sherry E. Brown, FR
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Above: Crystal Tinker watches the action around the Knoll in front of the KUC.



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Above: Sophomore Chis Irwin puts his spare time to use by adapting to the environment of construction.



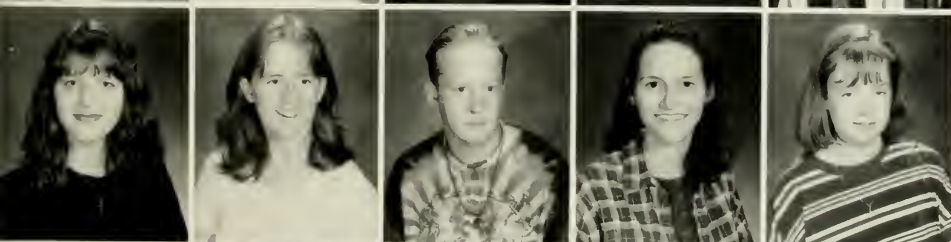
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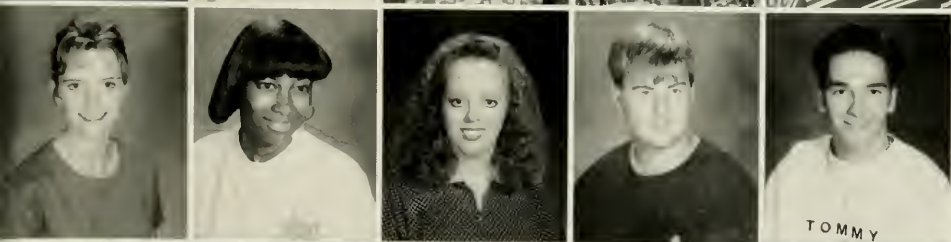
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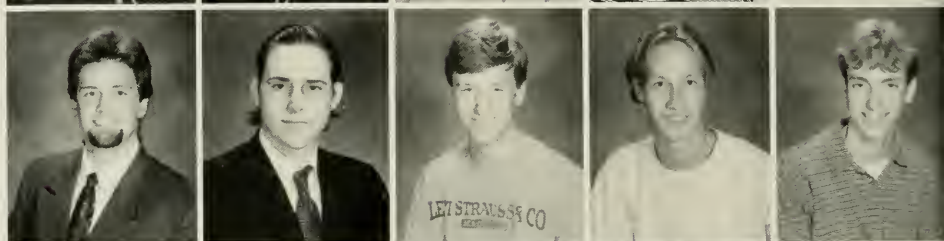
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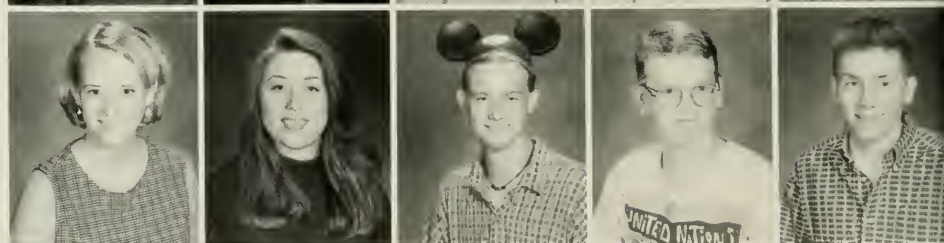
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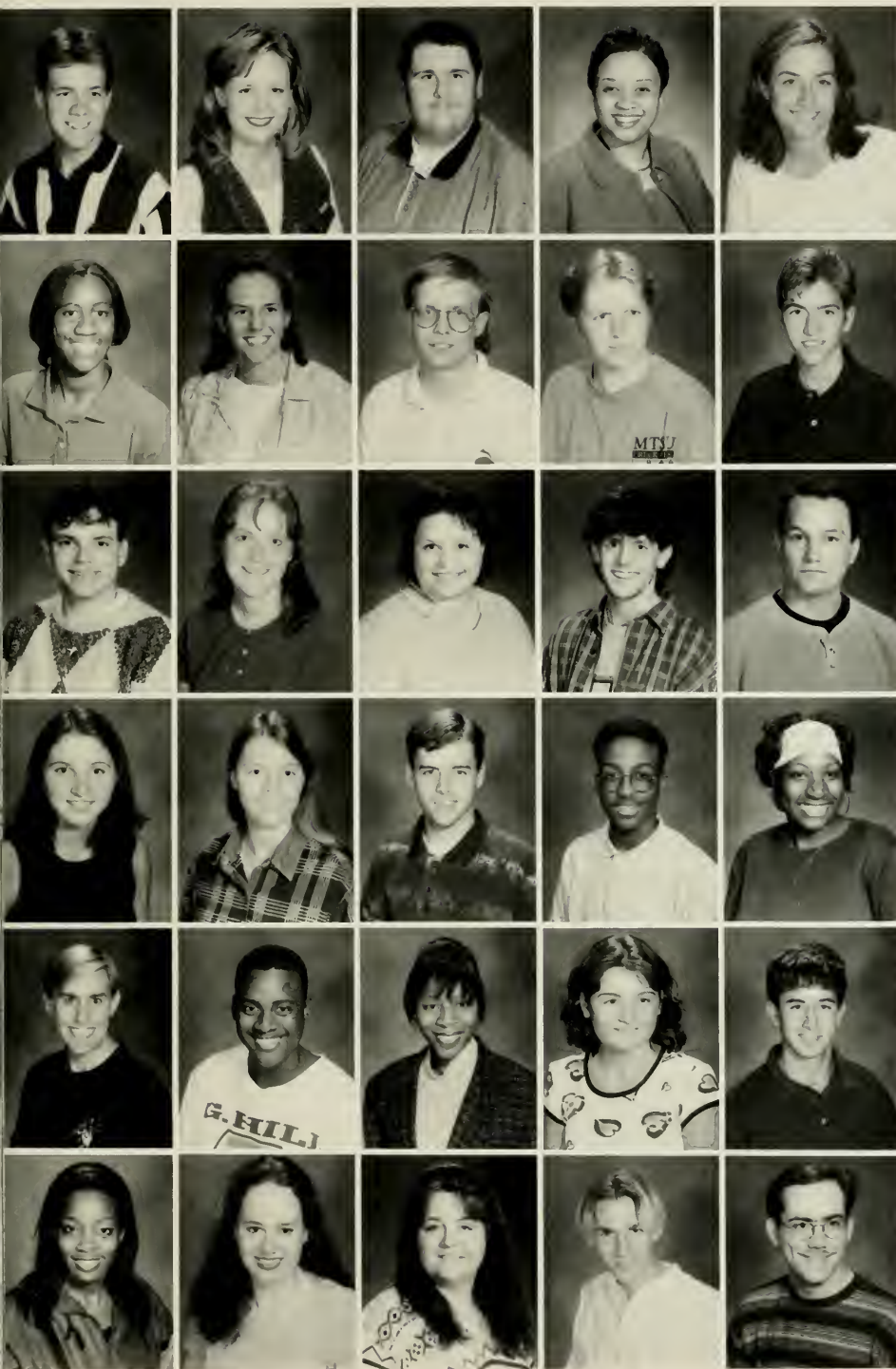
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The MTSU Band of Blue entertains faculty and students at the annual President's Picnic.



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Chris Sampson strums a few melodies for the enjoyment of strolling students in front of the KUC.



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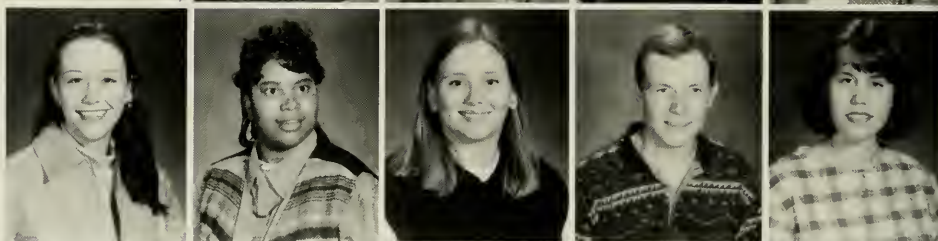
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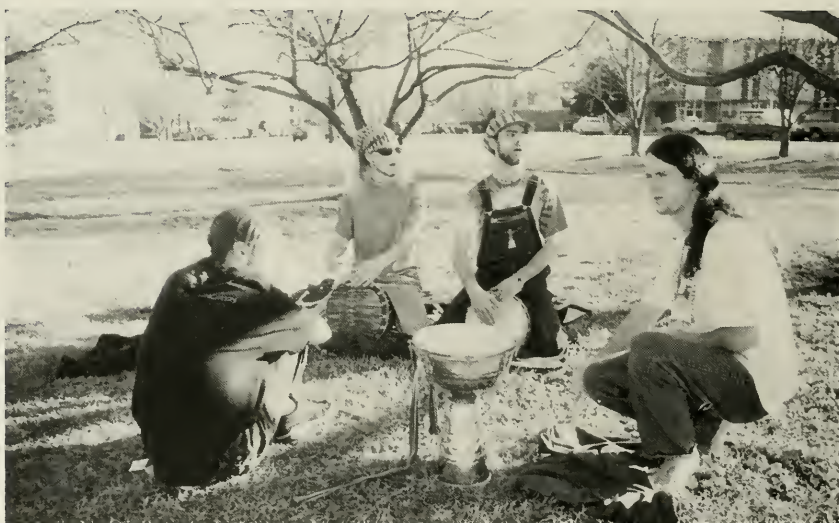
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JUB chef, Jeff Richter, prepares food during a luau on the KUC courtyard.



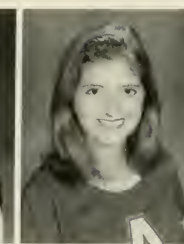
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Artist Lori Vinnedge explains techniques used in her artwork, while Brian Koek and Heidi Jamar eagerly listen.



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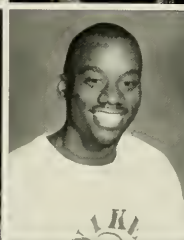
Rhett Plant, Lucas Ketner, Bo Collier, and Johnathan Switze create a different beat on bongo drums.



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 Yanetra Mithchell, NS
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 Calvin Moore, SO



Jason Moore, SO
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 Wendy Mrayyan, SO
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 Lisa Ooten, FR



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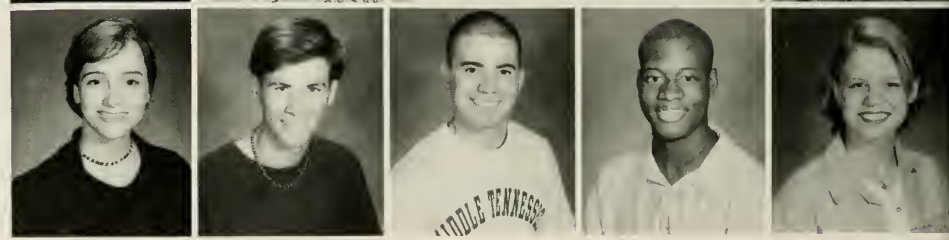
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Alisha Womack, FR
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Delinda Young, NS
Tiffany Zoesch, JR



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Darcy Stebbins gets her feet wet, while waiting for her car to be towed.



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Lee Baker prepares for graduation ceremonies with a dress rehearsal at Grad Fest.

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MTSU is more
than college. It
is their home
and commu-
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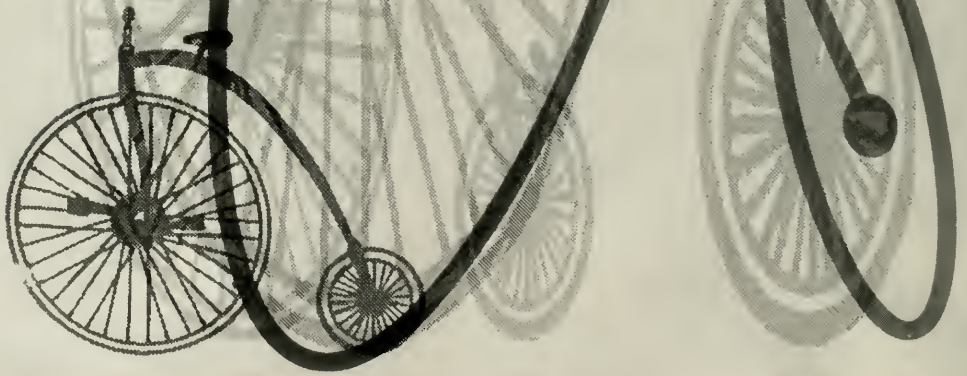
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Vixen

one man would fashion from her a coat to wear proudly upon his back like a mantle of gold shining false
light into the eyes of those whose opinions he would value more than his own until the shine wears thin and
the gold becomes lead dangling by its threads covered in dust
like a memory that you cannot learn from but only regret
and she prays and she prays that one day she will see him wear her again
like an old friend too lost to remember but
too close to forget.

one man would make her a pet to teach his worldly tricks like a puppet to be told who she is and what she is
to become for surrender may suffer contentedly but resistance puts the smile on his face
for he is the master and she is that slave though the sugar is cheap the fist takes less
and which teaches the lesson best and she cries and she cries
hiding in corners and licking her wounds
he stares into those frightened eyes as if in his reflection
he sees God.

one man would turn her away although she is starving his cup overfills he will not give up those petty
tangibles for her broken frame as he is strong in his convictions shielded by his independence yet what he
calls independence is a small dark room where he sits cold and alone with dreams of a mirror
and he looks hard into it and he will stare and he will stare
withered and dead but no matter how deeply
all it will ever show him is what he has lost at the cost of
his precious independence.

one man would show her his wings with feathers painted in enchanted hues and scents of passion fruits his
lures in promises this fable's wine he will make her the saint of one million whores
for he is the hunter a vampire of hearts hiding and waiting for that gently pressed night
where his venom runs swift like the rats and their gifts and she screams and she screams
into the tear shed silence of all those whom have come before her
trophies of the demon whom calls himself Man
waiting to welcome the next.

one man would stand before her watching as she sleeps to bring himself beside her and cradle in her warmth
for he does not know the language of other men he does not know their secrets he is a stranger as lost
amongst as she he is a seeker of great magicks and a brethren to sacred things a traveler searching for his
one true and only love like a key to unlock the innermost parts of the soul that he cannot reach alone and yet
so easily with her and as this man cradles beside her what could not be done has been done and he whispers
to himself "what wonders must exist in heaven"
for he becomes the fox ...

by Christopher Steven Byrd

Act 1001: Coffee Break *by Melissa J. Seneway*

The air hangs thick and my coffee is bitter and cold so I say screw the coffee. I proceed to light up a Salem Ultra Light 100 with the yellow lighter my dream lover gave to me the night before after we made love on the dance floor in a hole-in-the-wall club with lots of psychedelic lights and women dancing with women and men grinding on men. I was caught up in the middle of the sweaty mix so I could feel like I belonged just a little ...

I take a long, hard drag off of this poor excuse for a cigarette and long for a Lucky Strike as I ponder this freak show of existence I'm performing in. Suddenly a handsome man sporting an Armani and a flashy gold band on his left ring finger strides past and gives me a suggestive wink. In return I give him my best Drop Dead Bastard Go Home To Your Wife stare. All at once my attention is diverted to a hard-looking woman with witchy dyed black hair and pounds of pancake make-up on her worn face. She is in the ring of fire, surrounded by a passel of screaming children with noses running and diapers sagging. As I watch one of the little girls is misfortunate enough to scream just too loud so Wham! goes the woman's fat hand with stuffed sausages for fingers across her offspring's pale little face. I roll my eyes in disgust and give this mother my best Haven't You Ever Heard Of Birth Control stare ...

I tire of that part of the show so I swivel around in my chair and listen to the cheap orange plastic crackle beneath me. Just as I vow to get back on the Ultra Slim Fast plan an older couple of sixty or so sits down within earshot. The bald, overweight, loudmouthed husband goes to get he and his wife some of the nasty brown sludge I had long ago abandoned. She offers to help him and he is belligerent. He informs her that he is quite capable of carrying two goddamn cups of coffee and she shuts up instantly. I decide I hate them equally - him for treating her like shit and her for taking it. I give him my best And Just Who The Hell Do You Think You Are stare and her my favorite They Have Support Groups For People Like You stare ...

I look across the way at the next act and see a beautiful family of four strolling along. The blond-headed father is carrying the angelic blond-headed daughter on his broad shoulders and the blond-headed mother is holding the small blond-headed son in her delicately thin arms. All the while these Dredson dolls are staring at each other in utter adoration so I decide that either the mother or father must be an alcoholic or something because no family is that perfect. I raise my right eyebrow and give them my best

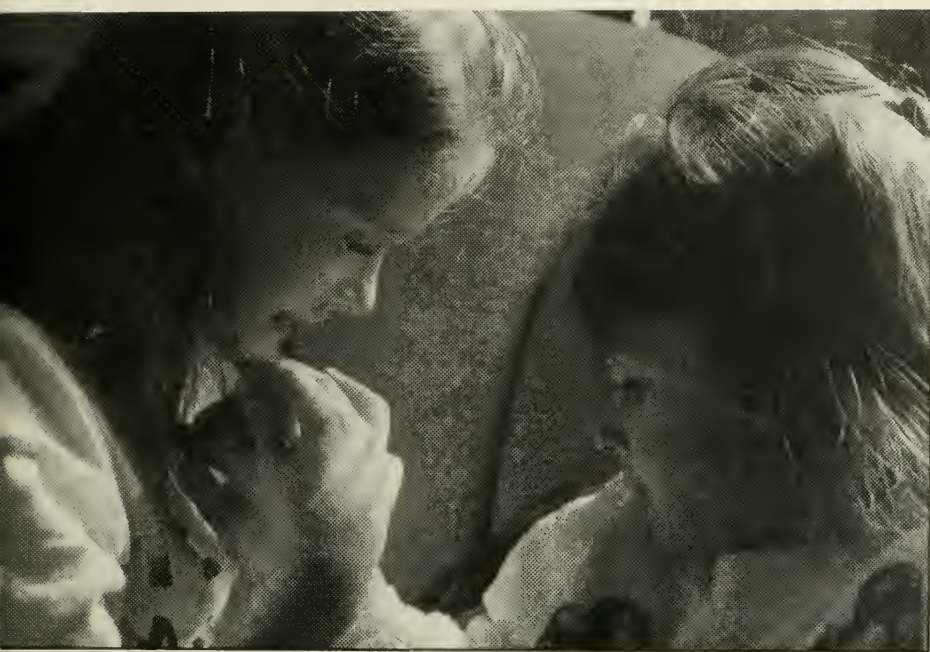
Yeah Right I Know What's Really Going On stare ...

I wrinkle my nose, grind out my Salem Ultra Light 100, and say screw trying to cut back and lighten up and quit. I head off in search of a pack of Lucky Strikes, hearing my mother's voice somewhere in the distance preaching the horrors of cigarettes. I silently say to her Sorry Mama, but sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do. Just as I'm through I spot an old scruffy but not dirty man perched on a step fondling a bottle of Budweiser. For some strange maybe gravitational reason I stop short and look into his blue eyes twinkling beneath bushy brows of salt and pepper. Instantly-momentarily we are connected for he enjoys the freak show just as much as I do and he too curses and laughs at and cries for the actors just as I do. He is reading my mind and seeing through my facade so he holds up his bottle of Bud to toast me because he knows I drink like a sailor and had only seconds before been criticizing him for drinking. I see all of this in his wise old eyes so rather than silently curse him I smile knowingly and give him my best You And Me We're Of The Same Kind look. He nods and takes a long swallow of beer ...

While I'm paying a skinny little wimp with a pepperoni pizza face and a hideous red polyester vest on for my much sought after Lucky Strikes I think long and hard about that old man and marvel over his insight. He knew I am a total hypocrite and then I realize that he's one too and he's probably Catholic. Irish Catholic, at that! We are alike in that we're hypocrites because we're Catholic and we're drinkers because we're Irish. Two drunks who get cleansed in Confession and then carry on, criticizing, moaning about the state of the world through the rest of the week ...

I laugh out loud at the irony of Act 1001 of the freak show. When I reflect on the man with his fancy suit and wedding ring, my mother's sermons on the evils of smoking, and that old man who was yelling at his wife for the fortieth year in a row I find it all downright hilarious and begin laughing uncontrollably. I am completely aware of the stares I am getting which make me laugh even harder so I give them all my best I Bet You Think I'm Paranoid Schizophrenic stare right back ...

Joyfully-gleefully lighting up a Lucky Strike, I wonder who will be in the next act of the show and where I'll ever find a decent cup of coffee and how many beers the old man on the step has had by now. I sigh contentedly because, friend, don't you see? In every one of the freaks in the freak show I see me ... *



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Becca Blossoming



An Epiphany

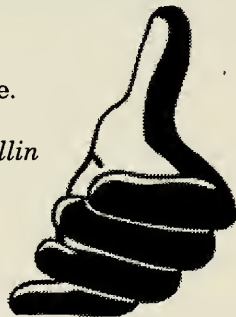
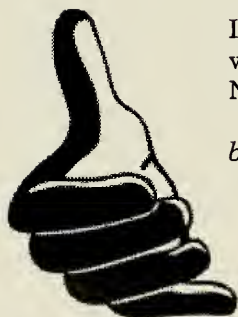
I'm late because
I had an epiphany.

I've been sitting here
holding it
in my
two cupped hands,
watching it.

It's too big
to fit
inside my mind.

I sat
watching.
Night came.

by Sue Mullin



November Second

Great glowing half-orb
in the night sky
is the profile of her bosom,
her nurturing self reaching down to me
from her new dwelling

to Touch me—
The image blurs and spills
onto my cheeks
wet lashes close on clouded eyes.

by Janet Patterson

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Juliet

Her pale lipstick on the soda can.
The vision of her breasts
pressed against that white shirt
that Hugged her Close,
as I felt her
pressed against my white skin
and Hugged her close.

It's my "time".
I guess I'm more
susceptible.
I guess I've
Always known.

She's constantly glowing.
Summer shines around her
In her "encyclopedia" words,
In her soft-spoken speeches,
In her brilliant mind,
In her shy writing.
No clouds can block the light
that warms me.

Our time, our childhood, our "growing up".
Boys that never really matter.
Men that do.
Men hide as boys.
And boys peek out of men's eyes.
Eyes that never comprehend.

Her hair falls in front of
her quiet hazel eyes.
Eyes that work every time.
Unsuspecting eyes.
I brush the strand away
and feel the light straightness of it
fall, fall, fall
through my fingers.
Nonsense to ignore.
Love, but nothing like I've felt.

It's my "time".
I guess I'm more
vulnerable
to feelings
Always here.

She'll never know,
Especially about that hurting night.
I wanted
That kiss.
That forbidden, yet tangible fruit.
Just one for safe keeping.

I'll hide the urge,
the wish,
that never came again.
I'll love her, the only way I can.



Italy

*A Participant's
Response to
a Unique
Education
Opportunity*

BY CAROLYN

Photos by Brandie Hobbs



For the past two summers and continuing on for a third this year, the MTSU art department has held a study abroad program in Italy. Students receive six hours of upper division credit. This six-week program includes doing one's own studio work, visiting major historical areas, and participating in critiques and discussions of all that is absorbed. The program is not limited to art majors and encourages other areas of study to participate.

This past summer the students stayed in Gubbio, a medieval town in the Umbrian region. Students participated in ceramics, drawing, printmaking and painting. Clay students studied traditional majolica ceramic techniques popular to the region while printmaking, drawing, and painting students executed images indicative of the architecture and landscape in their surroundings. In addition to studio work, many excursions were made to notable art centers and museums. Students were able to see exact locations where fine examples of Renaissance art flourished. Some artists' works seen include Michelangelo, Giotto, Cimabue, Raphael and Fra Angelico. Historic sites included Assisi, Orvieto, Pompeii, Paestun, Rome, Florence and Urbino.

Much was to be obtained through recognition of the area and artwork observed, application of information seen, and definition in terms of critical discussion in techniques during critiques.

If you are interested in more information about the study abroad program to Italy, call the art department at 898-2455.

Untitled

I can see your Tiffany lamp
perfect and set
in the dim room.
You need not flip any switch
There is already a fire burning inside me
My stomach, blazon, alive with a cutting ribbon
of heat,
Much like a warm stream of urine
firing through the chill of night
I could see my breath.
I could see the steam pouring off.
This was the season of my desire.

Early fall
And the mist,
urine
and
breath

This is the result of wanting you
You, who is shepherded in the dimness of your
Tiffany lamp.

Joey Rositano





Are You There?
Ki Young Hong

Swallowing Whole

I pulled up and stopped.
There was no one around,
the radio was off and rain
fell hard like it does when
people vanish. I killed the
lights and sat there. My
senses sharp as the dying.
To the left my wife
and home, straight ahead
a dead-end, and to the right,
a small bar in Tijuana
where girls with no name
bring you bottles with worms.

Chris Stovall





Saturday Afternoon Without Nath
Ki Young Hong

Night of the Twisters

Red Cross assists storm victims at Murphy Center

by Keith Russell



MTSU's Murphy Center became temporary shelter for those left homeless when tornadoes ripped through Rutherford County Friday, Jan. 24, 1997, damaging or destroying almost 100 homes and injuring almost two dozen people.

The Murfreesboro office of the American Red Cross established an emergency shelter in one of Murphy Center's auxiliary gyms immediately following the storm which hit at about 5 p.m. Friday. About two dozen cots and tables were set up to accommodate displaced residents affected by the storm. First-aid personnel and counselors were on hand to take care of anyone requiring medical attention.

About 15 people checked into the shelter following the storm while others streamed through looking for loved ones or donating food items.

The tornadoes hit the Barfield community, which is located south of MTSU, and left a path of destruction about six miles long and 300 yards wide. Several MTSU faculty, staff and students were affected by the storm.

Residents reported seeing cars lodged in trees and street signs that were hurled hundreds of yards. According to city and county officials, damage was estimated to be in the millions of dollars.

"I was in the kitchen when I saw the shutters on the window started banging real bad. Then I saw (the tornado) coming and ran to our guest bathroom and got down in the tub," said Lois McConigal, an MTSU graduate student who resided on Hogan Drive in the Southridge subdivision. "When I finally got out, my entire front porch was gone."

McConigal's neighbor, Dinah Gibson, who was home with her two children, lost just about everything.

"The first thing we saw was the cloud of debris. I grabbed the kids and ran into the closet and shut the door right when the whole house started shaking," Gibson said. "You wouldn't have believed all the noise. It was like being inside a dryer."

"When we got out, the only place left standing was the closet we had been in," Gibson continued. "I know this might sound weird, but I honestly believe it was a miracle from God that no one was hurt."



Above: A string of tornadoes ripped through the Murfreesboro community leaving many residents homeless.



Left:: One tornado left very little behind while creating its path down Highway 231 South.

University 101:

Most entering freshmen have high hopes and aspirations of that day four years in the future when they walk across the stage at Murphy Center to receive their diplomas.

But that day never comes for many of those who enter the fall freshman class because they become frustrated with school, do not manage their time and resources well, or simply can't juggle the finances with their personal and family obligations.

However, a select group of professors and administrators, under the guidance of Faye Johnson, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, are working to help students find success and increase the university's retention rate through a class known as University 101.

The University 101 Seminar began at MTSU during Fall 1987 due to the interest of a handful of faculty and administrators. The seminar focuses on providing students with the tools they need to survive and succeed the transition from high school to college. The course addresses such topics as study skills, relationships, time management, goal setting, health and life management. Students earn three semester hours of academic credit for satisfactorily completing the class.

Since its inception with an initial enrollment of 45, the student enrollment has grown as has the quality of the entire program, Johnson said. Fall 1996 boasted an enrollment of about 1,106 students. First to second year retention rates for University 101 students are 7.6 percent higher, on the average, than retention rates for non-University 101 students.

Expansion of the program includes an increase in on-campus sections as well as off-campus offerings at Page High School in Franklin, for high school seniors, and Ingram Publishing Co. in LaVergne and Saturn Corp. in Spring Hill.

University 101 faculty are recruited from existing faculty and administrators. Faculty are assigned mentors, involved in annual training activities and attend national conferences. In addition, faculty are evaluated, following the standard MTSU faculty evaluation process.

The seminar is promoted at CUSTOMS with both parents and students, direct mailings to incoming freshmen and "student-to student" advertising, and a new promotional video developed by the University 101 faculty.

**University
101**



The Road to Success





Celebrating 85 years of MTSU

Early years of MTSU Show picture of university life before rapid growth of school's campus as university celebrates its birthday

By Keith Russell/ staff

Once upon a time, exactly 85 years ago, there was a small teaching school in Murfreesboro named Middle Tennessee Normal that opened its doors for the first time on Sept. 11.

Through that entrance walked in 247 students — 120 males, 127 females — each arrived with their own personal luggage of experiences, thoughts, and plans for the future. Each probably had some inkling of what they thought the coming years would hold for them but it is unlikely that any of them could have guessed what the future would hold for the university they helped create.

How could they know, after all, that what began as an intimate academic community housed in four buildings (the President's home, Rutledge Hall, Kirksey Old Main, and the current Alumni Center) would someday grow into a sprawling 500 acre campus bursting at the sides with people, academic programs and facilities? And how could they know, after all, that the trails they helped blaze with their initial footsteps would be eventually followed by tens of thousands of students who shared their quest for knowledge, self-improvement, and times pursuing leisure and fun?

Of course, there were other events on the horizon that the first students in Murfreesboro couldn't foresee when they first arrived on September 11, 1911. In just three short years, for example, Europe would fall to pieces as the most devastating war in the history of the world would spread across the globe. The students attending Middle Tennessee Normal were not immune from the World War I repercussions, and when the United States entered the conflict in 1917 enrollment at the school dropped heavily. Male enrollment fell from a high of 244 in 1916 to a low of 63 by 1919, the final year of the conflict.

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Top: In the school's history, sports has always played an active role in university life.

Left: Nancy Wysong, the 1940 Homecoming Queen is escorted to her carriage by King Lenoard "Boots" Little.



Left: The 1925 Middle Tennessee Normal School men's basketball team consisted of only seven players.

Despite, on that inaugural day of classes, the future still must have seemed, as it does to every generation coming of age, as a malleable substance that could be molded and left in better shape than how one's ancestors had left it in. No doubt the phrase "I'll never be like my parents" is one that has been used throughout history, whether the speakers happened to ride around in Model Ts or Ford T-birds.

In at least that regard, the undergraduates of today are inextricably linked with their counterparts of the past eight decades. So it is fitting to reminisce about the past when celebrating the present and the future of the university

Students, faculty, staff and administration gathered to celebrate the university's 85th year with cake and popcorn Sept. 11. Many also participated earlier in day in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new, multi-million dollar library scheduled to open in 1999.

To rev up the festivities, MTSU's Band of Blue, color guard, cheerleaders and Ol' Blue led those who had attended the groundbreaking across campus to the lawn of Cope Administration Building. Members of the faculty as well as alumni carried the banners of each of the six colleges on campus from the groundbreaking site, just southwest of the Bragg Mass Communication Building.

The band played rousing tunes as they marched by KUC, inspiring bystanders to start dancing.

For some the party was a time of remembrances, while for others it was a time to envision the things that would come. There were reunions between retired professors and alumni. Students were introduced to state senators while having a friends chat with President Walker.

"It's hard to believe we were celebrating the 75th anniversary 10 years ago," said Jack Durgmand, chief of campus security. "I guess that just shows how fast time flies."

"I graduated in '75 and the Learning Resource Center had just been built," said David McKnight, a local physician. "It is strange to come back 20 years later. You still feel like you are the same person and you wonder why the students look so young."

"Eighty-five years ago we extended our arms to 247 students," Walker told those who had gathered. "This year we opened our arms to 18,000 students. We should be proud of the progress we have made over the years."

"This is a great day for the university and a great day for the community," he added.

Faculty Senate President Mary Elizabeth Stivers and Student Government Association President Christin Baker assisted Walker with cutting a multi-layer chocolate cake to be served to those attending.

The crowd joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to the university while the first few slices of cake were cut, and then the Alma Mater followed.

But how much were the experiences of MTSU's underclassmen of the first 10 to 20 years similar to our own? Photographs which were borrowed from MTSU's Office of Alumni Relations and the Albert Gore Sr. Research Center show many similarities even though the university has grown and styles have changed.

**Celebrating
85 Years**



1996 Family Day

Parents and Students crowd MTSU for Family Day Events

By Christi Underdown/ staff

On Saturday September 1996, MTSU gave parents a chance to get involved and see what the university has to offer at Family Day.

Family Day was an MTSU tradition until eight years ago. The lack of participation was the primary reason for discontinuing the program. Last year, with the help of SGA, the Department of New Student Orientation, located in KUC 122, decided to try to get the parents involved again. Because of their efforts, about 2000 students and parents attended.

"We had a big turnout last year," said Susan Guin, SGA Speaker of the House. "We're Hoping for the same thing this year."

Gina Poff, coordinator of Family Day, received five letters from parents last year.

All of them told me that they had enjoyed themselves, she said.

"They thought it was a good and economical way to see what's happening with the university," Poff added.

To promote a large attendance, New Student Orientation advertised during CUSTOMS and sent out brochures for parents that included information about the day, as well as a registration form. Parents were asked to send their registration and fees, \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, by Sept. 9. The price would buy them tickets to the day's activities, including the cookout and the football game.

"If we keep getting a good response, we'll continue doing it," Poff said.

The combination of family activities, tied in with Veteran's Day and MTSU's 85th birthday celebration, made the event even larger. Activities planned for the day included an MTSU trivia contest, a cookout, a pep rally and the football game against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

The parents began their day at the Recreation Center to pick up their tickets between 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m.

At 2 p.m., various tours, including those of the Bragg Mass Communication Building, Ellington Human Sciences Building, and the residential halls, and open houses were available. Campus organizations set up tables on the Knoll and in the KUC to demonstrate to parents what MTSU has to offer. Greek associations and religious groups also held receptions off campus.

At 4 p.m., a cookout sponsored by Aramark was held at Murphy Center. A Dixieland band roamed Murphy Center Grassy Grove while everyone ate. Senator Fred Thompson was a guest at the picnic. At the end President Walker cut MTSU's birthday cake as dessert.

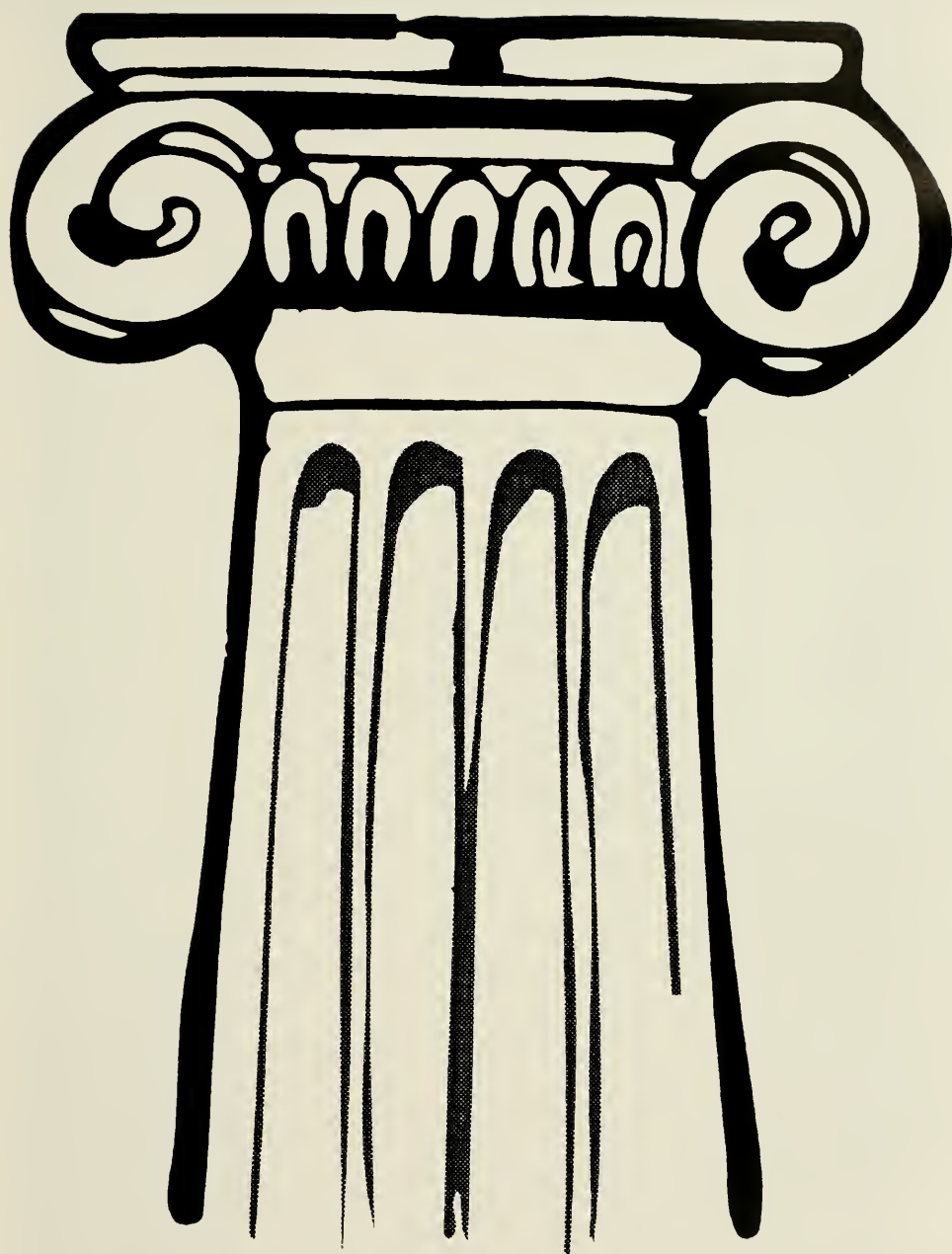
At 5 p.m., a pep rally took place with Bank of Blue. An hour later the home began.

Although some parents could not come because of work or distance, many people were able to attend.

"There was a surprisingly large amount of people in the grill for a Saturday at 1 o'clock," said Bill Bacon, a resident of Gracy Hall.

One father liked the progress he was seeing on the campus.

"I was here 30 years ago...," he said. "The campus has changed. The times have changed... To think the changes are definitely for the better."



West Not Optimistic About Racial Divide

By Keith Russell

He may not see a reason for optimism in the effort to bridge America's racial divide, but Harvard professor Cornel West told his audience on March 3 that one should not lose hope.

"There are no grounds for optimism in America today," West said in an animated 90-minute speech held as part of African American History Month activities. "Black history has always been about refusing pessimism, not about having optimism. To have optimism, one must have evidence. To have evidence, one must have evidence to suggest that things are going to get better. We have no such evidence today.

"But to have hope," he continued, "we only need to believe in the possibility that things will get better. So while we may not be optimistic, we can always be hopeful."

West, a professor of Religion and Afro-American studies and an author of numerous books on race-related topics, called the current social and economic environment "one of the most terrifying, frightening moments in our history."

"For the first time, Americans are being forced to look at themselves," West said, saying that with the end of the Cold War the United States no longer faces an outside threat to divert its attention from internal problems. "So the question now becomes: Who are we really?"

To West, answering such a question is difficult for Americans since it asks them to confront the "problem or evil" in a modern society driven by capitalistic market forces that ignore the social welfare of people. Using the term "hotel civilization" to describe modern American lifestyle, West said that it is inherently American to deny social ills.

"It is very American to deny the problem of evil," he said. "The don't want to deal with the darkness and thunder."

"The want everything to be sunshine. And America has a long history of denying and evading the problem of evil, particularly as it relates to white supremacy."

On this latter issue, West said that racial problems were a "thoroughly modern invention" that has permeated nearly every aspect of American society.

"Race is the fundamental means by which (Americans) understand their world," he said. "To become an American is to be radicalized."

West went on to recount a number of racial problems that he said have helped widen the gap between whites and blacks. Topics ranged from the poverty and degradation of inner cities and the debates over Ebonics and affirmative action to personal social interactions that help perpetuate the idea that blacks are a "problem people for whites.

"It's hard enough just to be a human being," said West. "But blacks have been cast as a 'problem people,' viewed as a homogeneous group, a monolithic block that whose individual members are seen as undistinguishable."

To help illuminate the widespread influence of race in America, West incorporated examples from primarily American literature, art and music. Quoting the words and ideas of artists ranging from Walt Whitman and Ralph Emerson to Tony Morrison, W.E.B. Dubois and John Coltrane to even more modern influences such as Tupac Shakur and George Clinton, West said that art should be "the starting point for any discussion on race."

"It is very important to accentuate the role of art as it relates to the questions of race, because in art there is no escape from wrestling with the truth, with a history of pain, misery and harm."

In searching for a solution to the problem of race, West said that a renewed emphasis on what he termed "non-market values" such as empathy and caring for children was needed.

"Hatred is the coward's revenge to being intimidated. When you are a force for good you do make a difference no matter how small you think it is."

West's speech was presented by the Kappa Xi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. A reception sponsored by the Black Alumni Association of MTSU.



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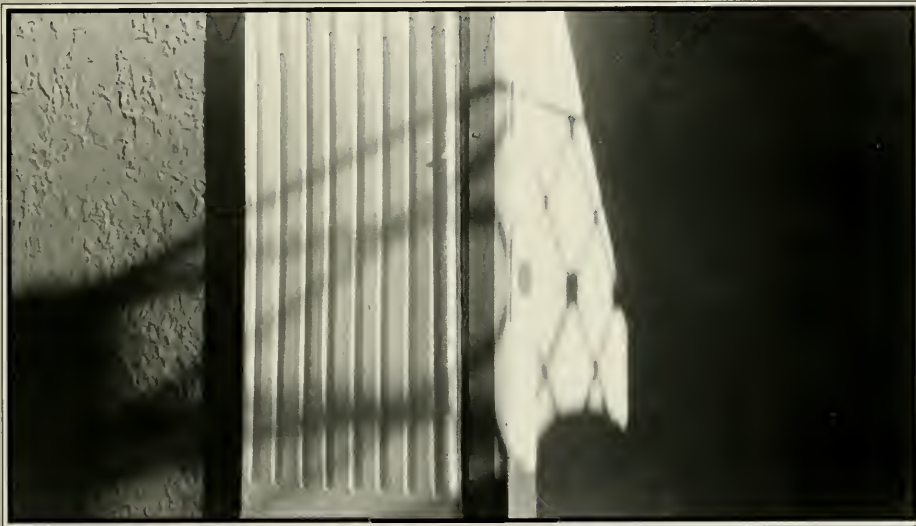


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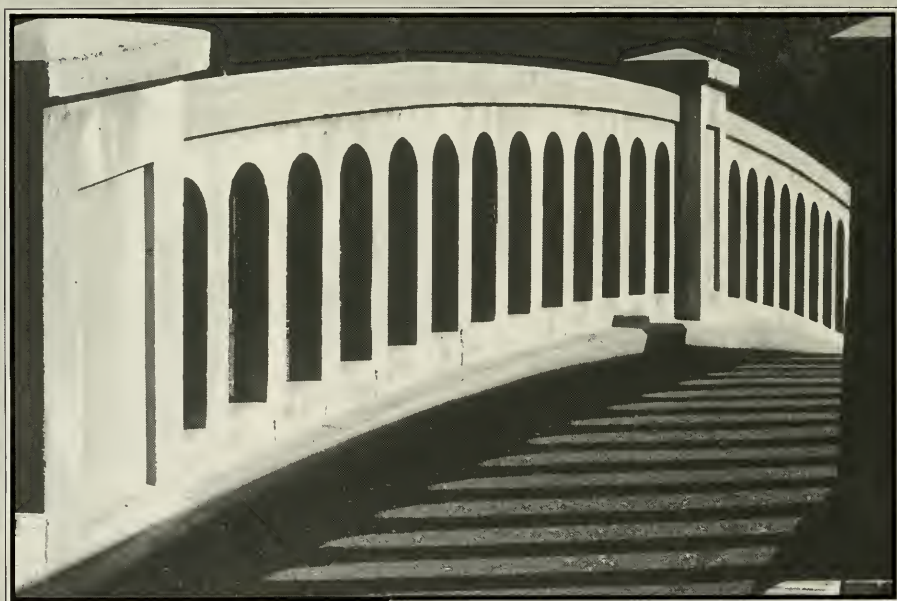


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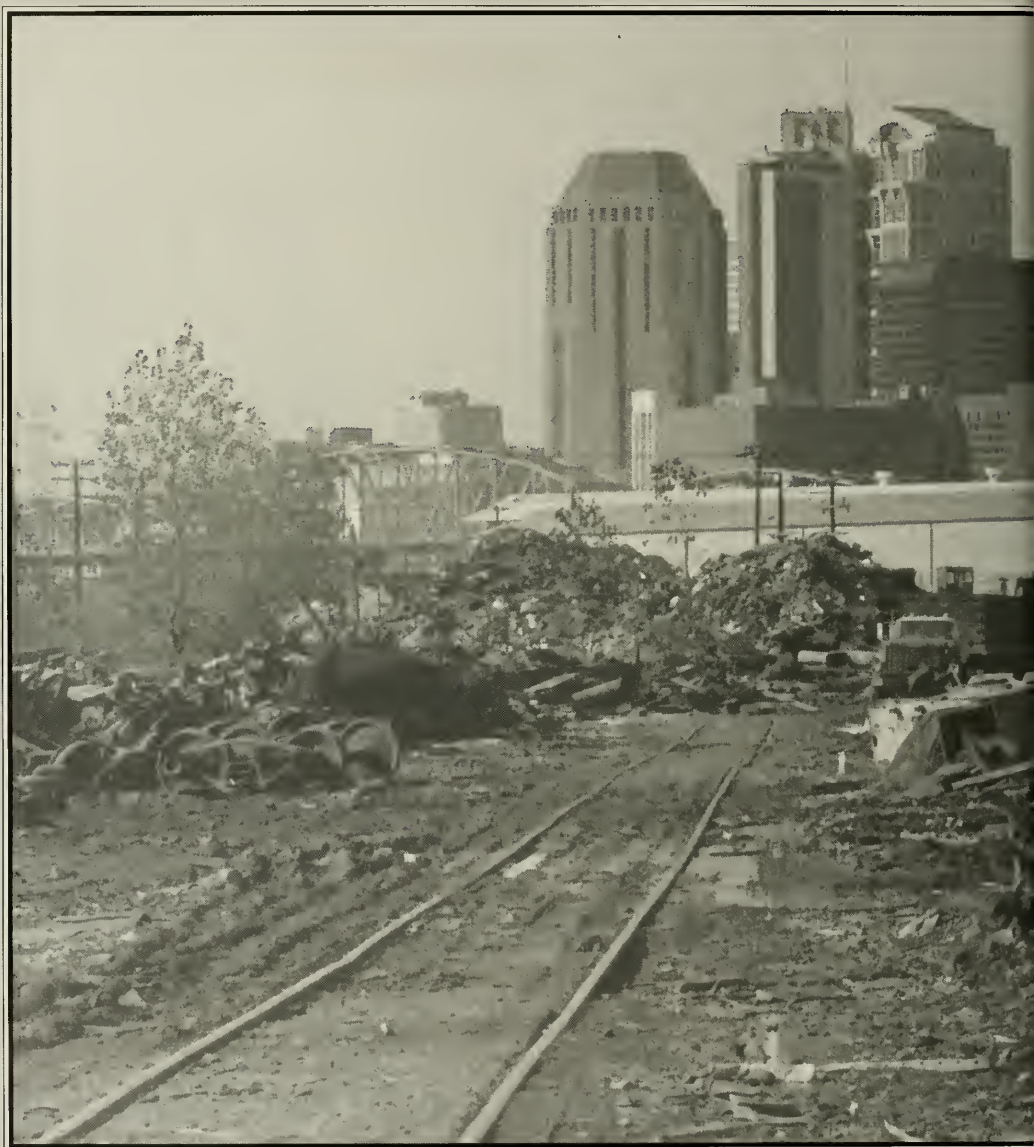
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Food For Thought!

With campus eating habits reflecting a national trend toward excess snacking, students should begin taking steps toward healthier eating.

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Studies are showing that Americans have been "grazing" in their kitchens so much that they are running the risk of looking like the originators of the art, cows.

According to a recently published Aramark pamphlet, the U.S. Department of Agriculture survey reports that snacking has risen 60 percent since the 1970s. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also indicates 33 million Americans are overweight.

Some students at Middle Tennessee State University support these surveys.

"I only watch what I eat if it begins to move," said Ryan Sprague, a freshman.

"If I have food in the room, I snack constantly," said sophomore Bill Bacon.

Jocelyn Hill, fitness director at the Recreation Center, is more positive.

A lot of people are becoming more aware, Hill said. If they are consciously aware of what they are eating, they will realize what they need to do better.

"Most people are a tad overweight, but only by a few pounds," Hill said. "Individuals must decide what is fit for them."

She advised using the American Dietetic Association guidelines as a basis.

"People just want to feel comfortable with themselves," said Shandora Dorse, a physician's assistant at Health Services.

She suggested people who want to lose weight should first look at their family background.

"It's your genetics," she said. "Problem spots, like the stomach and hips, run in the family. You can't change your body structure."

Dorse recommended looking at fat grams rather than 1500 calories," she said.

Researchers say that fat should make up only 30 percent of the calories in a person's diet. These studies also show that students who smoke and have fatty diets have a higher risk of getting heart disease.

"Fat count is important," Hill said. "But the most important thing is to keep you eating and activity consistent."

Human bodies signal when they need extra nutrients causing the desire to snack. In women, hormones can cause these cravings.

Chocolate is a popular snack for women, especially during pregnancy. Men have a higher metabolism than women, which lets them eat and snack more, but the quality of eating habits among the sexes is about equal.

"My wife enforces the rules," said Joe Sturgeon, speech and theater professor. "I don't stray from the path of nutrition too often."

"I'm trying to do better with my snacking," said journalism instructor Ken Blake. "I ask myself if I'm really hungry or if it's habit."

A recently published Aramark pamphlet suggested snacking on such foods as whole-grain crackers, cereal, unsweetened fruit juices, fresh and dried fruit, raw and blanched vegetables and plain low-fat yogurt healthy.

"There are three groups of students; vegetarians, healthy eaters and those who don't care," said Doug McCallie, food service director of MTSU's Aramark service. "The third group is smaller than the other two. They're going to take whatever looks good."

People are becoming more concerned about their health, said Brandy Land, a cashier at the KUC Grill. "I see a lot of Chick-Fil-A salads go through the line."

According to Land, the faculty is healthier than the students.

They get more entrees than fast food, Land said. The hot entree line is the most popular of all the selections for everyone.

Aramark listed four suggestions for a healthier diet in a recent pamphlet; asking for ingredient and nutrition information, being wary of advertising specials and marketing schemes, asking for a "special order" if you want it and practicing control by avoiding items described as super, jumbo, double, triple or extra large.

"We try to provide students with healthy choices, like the JUB Treat Yourself Right line, which has all low-fat and low-sodium dishes," McCallie said. "At the Corlew cafeteria we have the vegetable entrees."

I think people want to eat better and the media is helping," Hill said. "But they don't always give the whole story. You should control you, not the media."



Women's Center



The MTSU Women's Center makes is located on the second floor of the James Union Building.

MTSU's Women's Center carries on mission of their beloved founder.

By Heather Hybarger/staff

It started in 1976 in a small room in Jones Hall. It was called WISE, Women In service for Education. It was started by a tenured chemistry professor named June S. Anderson.

The few women professors who opened the office had a telephone and an old manual typewriter. Other women volunteered to make drapes for the windows. Their furniture was taken from the university warehouse.

My, how times have changed!

The double doors with large glass windows, brass handles and gold letters that say "June Anderson Women's Center" stand out as you turn the corner from the James Union Building lobby.

When you enter, you're confronted with the smiling faces of secretary Faye Hubbard, staff counselor Mary Glantz and one or two of the student workers assigned to the office. To your right is a couch and a coffee table. There are computers and a photocopier. The soothing sounds of a classical guitar surround you.

There is a constant blur of activity in the women's center. An average of 30 people call or stop by the office each day.

"One of my goals at the women's center is to support the activities of women becoming leaders, provide advocacy roles and support services to help women moving from silence to voice," says Candace Rosovsky, director of the June Anderson Women's Center, as she sits in her office overflowing with books on any subject concerning women.

June Anderson would have been proud.

"She seemed to be a very altruistic person, and she was extremely intelligent," recalls Elaine Royal, a professor of psychology on campus. Royal was one of the first volunteers in the WISE office, and in the 10 years that she knew June Anderson, considered her a close friend. "She devoted herself so much to things connected with this university."

Royal describes Anderson's impact on the university as considerable. She started several organizations for women on campus including Women in Higher Education in Tennessee, Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW) and WISE.

Anderson had serious health problems, however. She had asthma since she was a child. She later developed emphysema, and died at the age of 57 due to respiratory distress.

Her generosity did not die with her, however.

In her will, Anderson donated large portion of her estate to scholarship for non-traditional women students entering male-dominated fields.

"Our goals were to encourage women students to go into non-traditional fields... and to provide place where women could come and talk to each other," said Jeannette Heritage from the department of psychology, as she tells stories of the humble beginnings of the program. Heritage was one of the founding members of WISE.

Anderson's vision provided a place where women professors could go to acquire information and help in getting promotions and tenure.

"It was hard to get out of the assistant professor," Bracket admits Heritage. "Women weren't advancing as quickly as men."

Yet, there are many issues that women deal with today that they may not have all the information on. The June Anderson Women's Center offers a legal clinic, counseling services, an information and referral vertical file, a library of women's literature available for checkout, support groups and luncheons, and information on STDs, birth control and breast cancer. Women can come in for advice on handling sexual harassment, juggling life and school, or any other problems they might have.

Another organization started by Anderson, CFAW began in 1975 and continues to be active on campus, but they weren't always as vocal.

"We kept the list secret," confides Heritage. "In certain departments it would have been detrimental to be in such a radical group of women helping each other.

"I said, 'Yeah, I'll join, and just as soon as I get tenure I'll open my mouth.'"

CFAW still focuses on the hiring, promotion, and tenure of women faculty, as well as the placement of women on university committees and in the faculty senate. However, they no longer have to hide.

Now women in positions of leadership have an outlet through which they can share their experiences and be recognized for their achievements- The Women's Leadership Conference. The first Women's Leadership Conference held at MTSU (and the first in Tennessee) took place on March 8, 1996. The theme was "Crossing Horizons Together."

This year, the theme is "Diversity, Unify, Empower," which Annie Miller, Women's Leadership Conference director for the second year, says "verbalizes the mission and goal" of the conference, which will be held on March 7, 1997.

"One of the objectives of this conference is to bring together a diverse group of women students from around the state who are leaders," Miller wrote in a press release.

The board of directors for MTSU's women's leadership conference get college credit for their effort this year. The nine members of the course meet for a two-hour session once a week.

"Dr. Rosovsky has a firm background in women's studies, and I've got a firm background in leadership," says Lentz-Karstens. "It's not a traditional class. It's more of a seminar."

The conference planning time is taken up by discussing food, entertainment, speakers, workshops and the Women of Achievement Awards, all very important aspects of the conference.

The awards are divided into three categories: Outstanding Student Leader, Outstanding Faculty Member/Administrative Leader, and Outstanding Community Leader. While these awards are memorable in the own right, Miller recalls one in particular.

"(State Senator) Thelma Harper was an outstanding community leader last year," says Miller. "We gave our silver bowls with an inscription on the inside and when she got up to accept her award she said, 'Now I know most people will go home and set this on their mantel and look at it, but I'm going to go home tonight and eat ice cream out of mine.'"

As part of being recognized as a Woman of Achievement, the award recipients must speak or give a workshop. "I was amazed at how smooth went, and what good attendance we had," Lentz-Karstens reflected. "And at the very least they can volunteer to be a part of it."

Indeed, thanks to their efforts, the June Anderson Women's Center is a busy place these days. More than half the student population is female and out of 1,656 full-time staff, faculty and administrators, 860 are women. June Anderson would be proud.

Scottish Celebration

Scottish festival
Oct. 7, 1996

By Keith Russell

As a gentle breeze played softly with the dozens of Tartan flags planted firmly in the ground outside MTSU's Mass Communication building, hundreds of onlookers saw the past shake hands with the present at Murfreesboro's first Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration.

The first-of-its-kind event in Middle Tennessee took place the weekend of Oct. 4-6, according to John Mauldin, president of the Scottish Celebration.

"The main goal of this event is to preserve Scottish culture and history,"

Mauldin said.

"Many people of Scottish ancestry living in this area may be unfamiliar with the culture and history of Scotland, so this event is designed to teach people about the Scottish culture and give them appreciation for it," Mauldin added.

The day began with pageantry, as a pipe band from Nashville led by a former Marine commander marched out onto the field, decked out in full Scottish regalia. From his knee-high socks and kilted torso to his medal-studded dress coat and the heavenly-reaching feather bonnet atop his brow, pipe major Rod Burns did indeed look the part. With a whirl of his mace, an inviting combination of blaring bagpipes and thunderous drum beats pierced through the hazy noon skies.

From his position at the VIP reviewing stand, MTSU professor and Scottish Celebration Vice President and master of ceremonies Al Moffett was full of smiles. Earlier he had excitedly gushed over the coming festivities, talking fondly of how such Scottish heritage celebrations had become an integral part of his life. He and his wife had attended an average of six such Scottish games each year, and the radio/TV professor had traveled back to Scotland no less than 14 times.

"These games are an opportunity for everyone to participate in and enjoy the traditions of Scotland," he explained. "But the biggest part of it all is family. When my wife and I go to these celebrations, we see people who have become our best friends."

Now, as Burns ushered out his pipe band (a group known as the Nashville Pipes and Drums) in crisp military formation, those best friends and family were parading in Moffett's backyard.

More than 40 Scottish clan societies — groups with names such as Clanna Creech, MacLachlan, Wallace and Farquharson — paced around the boundaries of the main field, their chests sticking out with pride. Fathers in flowing kilts held their sons' hands as they walked. Mothers pushed strollers carrying the newest members of each clan's extended family tree.

Then, as each clan passed in front of the main reviewing stand, Moffett announced their arrival with the pomp and flair of a ringside boxing announcer.

"Clan Anderson!" was the first cry.

"Clan Barclay!" continued the roll call, as Clarks and Irwins and a flurry of Macs (Duffs, Farlanes and Nabs, to name a few) marched by, until Moffett reached his favorite name on the list.

"Clan Moffat!" boomed the professor, a Cheshire cat grin across his face.

And with that, the Highland Games were ceremoniously kick-started, offering visitors a chance to witness and participate in a wide range of traditional Scottish athletics, entertainment, crafts, food and culture. It was, as the Scottish might describe, a good Ceilidh (pronounced Kay-Lee and meaning "party") for all.

Certainly one of the biggest crowd-pleasers of the day was the hulking, kilted behemoths participating in one of four traditional Scottish sporting competitions. With biceps the size of watermelons, these men of enormous girth hoisted 100-pound cabers into the air, flung 16-pound burlap bags over 30-50-plus-pound weights around like rag dolls. At each impressive feat, crowds "oohed" and "aahed" in appreciation.



Traditional Scottish singing and dancing activities were also on display, as young boys dressed in sailor suits and girls in kilts and white blouses participated in Highland dance competitions to the tune of a Highland bagpiper. For amateur dance enthusiasts, instructors guided any interested American "lowlanders" through the basics of Scottish country dancing.

In the entertainment tent, visitors could stomp their feet to the sounds of U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion Bonnie Rideout's rhythm and "mouth music" while enjoying a plate of meat pies, sausage rolls and Cornish pasties; or sink their teeth into an apple dumpling listening to a late afternoon jig performed by the Celtic band Gallagias.

Scottish wild life was also present, allowing kids and grownups of all ages the chance to pet the backs of Highland cattle or witness the staredown between a Border Collie sheep dog and unwitting sheep in a sheep herding exhibition.

But as much as all of the day's activities gave visitors a pleasant peek into Scottish customs, the foundation for all the festivities was embedded in the participating clans and their focus on personal heritage.

Set up in tents running perpendicular to the main reviewing stand, members of the various clans were on hand to share their distinctive pasts with visitors, as well as to invite new clan members to join their ranks. Historically, clans were the basis for political and social survive in Scotland. Today, they serve as a link to the past for people searching for their roots.

"My ancestors first came here from Scotland in 1706. I wanted to find out what motivated them to leave for America," said Michael Walker, a treasurer for the Clan Stewart Society of why he became involved. A native of Clinton, Tenn., Walker first attended a Scottish festival in Gatlinburg 10 years ago, where he found that his last name was closely tied to that of the Stewarts in Scotland. From there, says Walker, the involvement "just basically mushroomed."

Since then, Walker has become an avid member in the clan and has visited Scotland twice.

"I wish I could go back tomorrow," he says of his ancestral home

He's not alone. Bill Keith, a member of Clan Keith, remembers of his visit to his ancestors' original home, a castle in northern Scotland that rests atop a monumental 200-foot-high cliff. "A big chill just comes over you. You realize that your ancient relatives once walked the very same path you're taking now. It's an incredible feeling."

It was the same feeling, no doubt, that Al Moffett had also spokwn of. "It's a beautiful little town," he described of his hometown of Moffat, which rests on Scotland's border regions with England. "Now when I go back there, it's like going home."

For the time being, however, there was ample reason for Moffett to be right where he was. The closing ceremonies were drawing to an end, and pipe major Rod Burns was once again marching his Nashville Pipe and Drums band out to the main field, playing a stirring rendition of "Scotland the Brave."

And off to the side, kneeling in the grass, a young boy was holding a miniature-sized, blue Scottish flag. With an emphatic thrust, the boy, perhaps caught in the spirit of the moment, planted the miniature flag deep into the ground. The boy then watched the flag flap in the steady breeze and exclaimed with a sense of great importance, "I claim this land....in the name of Scotland!"

And for the time being at least, there were few who would argue otherwise.



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Short on Cash?

Campus employment may be for you

by Jeremy Stanley/staff

More college students than ever before are working while they go to school. According to a study by the National Association for Education, as many as 70 percent of all college students hold down at least one part-time job. This staggering figure is partly mediated by the fact that there are more non-traditional students attending colleges, but it does not explain all the figures away.

The simple fact is that more students are juggling school and job, and thus are facing all kinds of new stress. Commuting to work, finding time to study, and balancing a private life all become more difficult in this new situation. Perhaps a solution to the problem might be to-as Ralph Waldo Emerson would suggest- "simplify." And one way to do just that is by seeking out the employment opportunities here on the MTSU campus.

"Finding a job on campus was the best thing in the world that could have happened to me," declares John Shanes, an athletic department tutor. "I was sitting in a computer lab when I read on its cork board a flier looking for students to tutor. I didn't even know what they wanted taught. I went in and they hired me on the spot."

Somehow I managed to get one of the best jobs on campus and one of the best paying without looking that hard for it. Lately, I don't know how I'd pay my bills without it."

John's favorable view of working on campus is shared by many others. Ben Abbot is just one of a number who have also realized the benefits.

"My first semester here as a freshman, I took a job working with the maintenance people on campus. It was the easiest job of my life," insists Abbot. "All we did would be to go and change filters on air conditioners once in a while. On slow days I even had time to do my homework."

In addition to providing a less stressful working environment, Abbot notes that another positive side effect of on-campus employment is that it can allow someone to quickly learn their way around the campus. Still, the experience of working at one of the state's largest universities is not without drawbacks.

"My biggest problem working for the school," warns Shanes, "is that they hold your check back for two weeks. And since we get paid like a government servant, you only get paid every two weeks. This means it's a month before I see my first check."

Additionally, most on-campus jobs fail to command more than the minimum wage and, depending on the department, hours can vary from as many as 20 to as few as four a week.

Financial reasons are not the only potential pitfalls to working on campus. A student can also run into trouble when they aren't prepared or feel unqualified for the job in which they have been placed. Fredricia Reed, for example, who says that she loves working as a student secretary on the John Bragg Mass Communications building, feels less secure with her other duties in the Lexus/Nexus computer labs.

"I just don't know enough about the computers to help people when they ask something. I'm just out of place because I don't have the training." Fredricia feels she needs more training and that the only way she's getting it is on the job.

But before you can get that training, you first need to get the job. So the next question you're going probably wondering is, "How do I get started?"

Just like everywhere else, jobs on campus can be found through people you know. Good networkers get good jobs, and probably the best way to get a leg up on the competition is to visit the Office of Placement and Student Employment.

This office, located on the third floor of the Keathley University Center in Room 324, provides a service often overlooked by students. Though its primary duty is to help graduating students find jobs in their major, they also have listings of positions that need filling on campus. If you are interested, you can go in, ask for the appropriated books to look through, and take down the occupations you believe you can adequately fill.

After that, you're on your own. You'll have to go to the departments and ask about the position.

As to the chances of getting the position, Martha Turner, the director of Placement and Student Employment says, "Different departments may desire certain skills. It might be the ability to type or paint or work with computers is needed, and those abilities or lack of them will get you the job or not."

Besides knowing what you are capable of doing, there are a few other things you should know:

- * If you want the job, be persistent. Drop by once in a while to see if someone has quit. Make a pest of yourself, and you might be remembered.

- * It is a little late in the season to be looking for employment. The first of the semester is always best time to look. So if you can't find anything right away, use this time to begin networking.

- * Try to gain some skills you might be able to use. Take a computer class or another type of skill-improvement course. The more you can do, the more likely you'll be able to simplify your life with an on-campus job.



E-Wrestling

E-wrestling is rapidly growing as an "Internet sport," and people across the country are logging on and kicking tail

by Rachel Bailey/ staff

"Hello all you wimps out in never, never wrestling land!"

Does this sound familiar? Could it be the bellowing voice of a wrestler, like the ones we've watched in awe since we were children? Yes, it is, and now it is the greeting you will receive upon entering the Internet Wrestling web site.

No longer does it exist merely as television entertainment or backyard brawls; wrestling has infiltrated the Internet. Imagine a world where you can create your own wrestlers, form choosing their height and weight to giving them their own specialized moves. You are also able to invent the way a match progresses and determine who comes out on top and who gets burned.

That is Internet wrestling, and it is rapidly expanding as a sport in which thousands of Internet users across the nation are involved. The users who browse these web sites range in career, background and age, but they share one thing: imagination.

Internet wrestling involves creating a wrestler, complete with persona and some sort of statistics to resolve the matches, and then managing his or her career. Then the gamemaster (usually referred to as the Federation Head) resolves the matches at the end of the week.

We know it is fake, but we have a good time playing it," says Bernie Randolph, an MTSU student who participates in Internet Wrestling. Randolph says that the fun comes from player interaction, as the players also allowed to arrange special matches, write interviews and make video clips which are posted by the Federation Head.

As E-Wrestling(as it has become known) developed , federations began forming into groups to allow easier transfer of characters. Groups may focus around common backgrounds or other traits of the characters. The Summit Wrestling Alliance was the first of these federations. Others soon followed, such as The Fantasy Wrestling League Alliance and Hardcore Leagues of America. There are also many independent federations that have formed, like TeWA(Totally Extreme Wrestling Association), which includes Bernie Randolph as president.

"It is like creating a whole different side of yourself," Randolph says.

Internet wrestling allows an individual to undergo a transformation from a regular guy or girl into a wrestler with fantastic characteristics.

After entering the web site, participants are able to fill out an entry form in which they can create a wrestler of their choice. There are many options to choose from, including the fighting style of the character, with choices such as Top-Notch Brawler, All-Rounder or Daredevil Flyer.

Participants are also able to peruse the wrestlers who are already in existence, like Freak Face, Irish Assassin, Chico Gonzales, Gravedigger, and believe it or not, Skinny Buddha. These wrestlers are in the TeWA League, which the WPO (World Purification Order) is trying to take over. WPO is a take-off of pro-wrestling's NWO (New World Order) which comprises such legends as Hulk Hogan, Diesel and Razor. Television wrestling may also contribute to the events that take place on the Net's wrestling front.

"It is like fantasy games we used to play as children; it is just now we have the ability to play worldwide," says Randolph, who is known in the world of Internet wrestling as Rapture.

Randolph enjoys the fantasy world of wrestling and compares it to other fantasy games like Dungeons and Dragons. His wrestler, Rapture, was the TeWA's first Rookie Champion, and is now ranked third in the Top Ten Contenders for the title.

There are many MTSU students involved in E-Wrestling , along with thousands across the country. Wrestling on the net involves imagination. E-Wrestling is a sport which provides a degree of escapism while inspiring creativity within its users. For more information, the curious can log on at.

Easing the Pain

For a dozen years, MTSU student volunteers and others have helped the Hospice of Murfreesboro assist families coping with grief.

by Mary Frances Herrington/staff

While many MTSU students are busy preparing for the final stretch of the academic semester and concentrating on the hectic events of their lives, others may be facing seemingly unsurmountable obstacles.

Just as the old saying goes, whenever things are going badly, they can only get worse. And perhaps there is no greater pain than of losing a loved one.

Jeana Lewhew, a sophomore at MTSU knows firsthand how difficult such a loss can be after her grandmother's terminal illness became worse last spring. Fortunately for Jeana and her family, however, the Hospice of Murfreesboro offered them support when they needed it most.

Indeed, while they first found difficulty in sharing the pain of coping with her grandmother's condition with nurses she and her family didn't know, Lewhews were soon able to rely on their expert advice and support.

"The nurses helped explain death as a natural way of life...it made it seem less scary for us," Lewhew says of the experience.

The Hospice of Murfreesboro was established in Murfreesboro in 1984, ten years after the establishment of the first hospice in the nation under the auspices of the National Hospice Organization.

The program was created with one goal in mind: to help families and friends adapt to losing a loved one and help ease the pain of the process. The Hospice's staff is also comprised of trained social workers, professional nurses, specialized professional, personal clergy and volunteers who help give aid or special attention to people in need.

Sandra Jones, coordinator of the Hospice of Murfreesboro, has been with the Hospice since it opened in 1984. Her own experience with her father's death during her sophomore year in college eventually led her to the Hospice to help others deal with losing a loved one. She says of the experience, "It is a very rewarding job to help so many people, and it really puts things in our own lives in perspective."

While the Hospice provides many beneficial programs and support for the community, its services are not possible without the help of its volunteers. Volunteers can give their time and talents to the Hospice's cause by providing support, companionship and personal care to people in need, or by running errands for families and patients or volunteering to help with the office work.

Linda Kiely is an MTSU nursing major and Hospice volunteer who has benefited from helping others for numerous reasons. While the program has been beneficial to her studies in the nursing program, Kiely has also found it to be personally rewarding. After losing a family member to a prolonged illness, Kiely began to volunteer to help overcome her own grief and help others. Of the program, she says, "It has made it personally easier to accept death as a part of life."

Ellen Himebaugh, the Volunteer Coordinator at the Hospice, described the type of people needed for the volunteer jobs available. People need to be good listeners, compassionate, flexible and organized with their time. "Volunteers are a very important part of our program," Himebaugh says. "Hospice operates as a team and the volunteers are a part of that team."

Each patient is given his or her own attending physician, who works with the Hospice team and consults with physicians if needed. The Hospice nurses help create an individualized plan of care for patients and help families provide care for their patients in the home. These nurses also address special dietary needs and coordinate medication administration. They are available for patients and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Hospice's philosophy emphasizes the quality rather than the length of a person's life by allowing a terminally-ill patient to be provided for at home. By treating the terminally-ill person and not the disease, the Hospice includes the whole family in the "unit of care," where patients and families are included in decision-making process, and counseling is provided for the family after the death of their loved ones.

The Hospice also offers many support groups for grieving families who have suffered a loss. "Camp Forget-Me-Not" is a four-day camp the Hospice offers for children who have lost a loved one. The "Compassionate Friends" is a self-help group for family members with children who have died. "Sharing Through Caring" is offered for those experiencing a pregnancy or infant loss. "The Widowed Persons Service" is offered for widowed people in the community. The programs are open to the public and presumably free of charge. Each requires a phone call to the hospice to sign up.

While the Hospice has made many contributions to the Murfreesboro community, it also serves the MTSU community as well. During the month of November, the Hospice will offer several new programs to recognize the need for care in Murfreesboro.

Carol Carroll, a sociology professor at MTSU, serves on the Community Advisory Board for the hospice. Carroll urges MTSU students and staff to take advantage of the services it offers.

"Hospice offers many opportunities for many MTSU students and staff, not only from the services geared to certain losses, but to the opportunities it offers to students to volunteer or offer their services," she says.

Theater Festival draws best in college acting

Nearly 700 students descend on MTSU's Tucker Theatre to applaud the finest in collegiate productions from across the Southeast.

By Chad Gillis/ staff

MTSU played host to the Southeast Regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival last week, and nearly 700 students from across the country came to participate.

For over 25 years, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has presented more performances than any other American Arts facility, and last week- the Southeast Regional Festival was held in Tucker Theatre for the first time.

From play auditions to design exhibitions - all were celebrating the theater arts and the people behind those arts.

The celebration began Wednesday Feb. 5, at 8 a.m. with the Irene Ryan Audition Orientation, which prepared participants for the Irene Ryan, who held a long career in the theater, but became best known for her role as "Granny" in *The Beverly Hillbillies*. The festival continued until noon on Sunday, Feb. 9.

Enthusiasm churned to appreciation as the audience witnessed such powerful performances as the Daytona Beach Community College's production of "Yours, Anne," a musical based on the popular diary of Anne Frank, the young girl who witnessed firsthand the horror of living in hiding during the Jewish Holocaust.

"Yours, Anne" was one of the seven plays selected for their excellence to competing were "A Shayna Maidel," presented by Auburn University at Montgomery; "Turning Point," presented by the University of North Carolina-Greensboro; "Crack, Cream and Brown Sugar," presented by North Carolina A&T State University; "Einstein's Dreams," presented by the University of Florida; "The African Company Presents *Richard III*," and "It Could Have Happened Once Upon a Time," presented by William Carey College.

The festival also featured workshops and presentations by leading professionals in the theater, as well as auditions for graduate-level theater programs.

Awards were presented over the weekend, along with monetary compensation that ranged from \$100 to \$5,000.

The competition for the Irene Ryan Action Award for best actor was won by finalists Levon Fesher from the University of Florida, for his performances in "Stay With Me" and "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"; and the University of Kentucky's Justin Smith for his performances in "The Lion in Winter" and "Boy's Life." Both actors will go on to compete with the finalists of the eight other regional festivals in the national festival to be held at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

John McDaniel, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, was on hand Saturday night to accept a plaque from the Kennedy Center on behalf of President James Walker and to give his thanks to everyone that made the event possible.

In 1994, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Education Department hosted 2,800 performances for audiences totaling 1.7 million. This year's national festival promises to be just as successful.



We've all faced mornings that were gray, rainy, cold, and nasty. Class was the last place we wanted to be. The first choice was right where we were-in bed. Or maybe life itself just gets in the way of coming to class on a regular basis. At those moments, many of us have surely thought, "If only I could do the work right here at home."

If that sounds familiar, then perhaps good news is headed your way. This past summer, correspondence courses were added to the MTSU academic repertoire for the first time.

With such courses, students are able to do assignments for a course at home and at their own pace. At the beginning of the semester, they receive packets with the course outline and assignments, as well as the instructor's name and office phone number. Since there is no set dateline for the course, students could finish in a few weeks or take until the end of the semester to complete the course.

The ability of the student to set the schedule makes it possible for some students just to take a class.

Marie Dudley took Principles of Nutrition with Janet Colson this summer.

"It was great!" Dudley said. "I wish there were more [available]."

Dudley has taken several correspondence courses from Nashville Tech and UT-Knoxville, as well as here at MTSU, in her effort to get a degree in Management Human Relations. Because she lives in Dickson, Tenn., she would never have been able to take the courses at UT-Knoxville or at MTSU. She says that the courses at Nashville Tech would have been possible but inconvenient.

Al Moffet, who taught Electronic News Writing by correspondence this summer, is also terribly excited about the flexibility and opportunities these courses provide.

"There are more and more people who want to be educated," he said. He added that correspondence courses were the "wave of the future."

Moffet compared formal education to the factory system where everyone gathers in one place to produce a product. Just as factories are closing and giving way to the limitless capabilities with offices in the home due to common access to the Internet and the World Wide Web, colleges and universities must modify the standard program to fit the needs of the students.

"It's [the correspondence course program] kind of the best of both worlds," Moffet says.

He explains that correspondence colleges don't have the expense of building dorms, extra parking spaces or other expenditures for students who attend classes on campus. By that same token, the student doesn't have to waste travel time getting to class, or worrying about finding a parking space just to go to class where they can get the same information at home.

Janet Colson had about 40 students in her Principles of Nutrition correspondence course and saw how versatile the program can be.

She said that single moms take classes by correspondence because the work and can't get to campus. One of her students moved to Pennsylvania during the semester but was able to finish the course.

"I have not yet found one which is a breeze," Dudley said. "Every minute I can, I study."

Dudley says that weekends provide the most time, but she also takes advantage of lunch breaks at work.

"You have to be self-disciplined."

For professors, the challenge seems to be the lack of contact with the student.

"I didn't have a face for the name and the handwriting," said Colson.

Another problem, she said, was that there wasn't a way to go back over tests and discuss the questions. "I think that tests are a learning experience and that you learn by what you missed."

Moffet faced the problems of not having face to face interaction with the students.

"I have a teaching technique in relating to students and correspondence doesn't really allow this," he said.

Despite the challenges and growing pains, the program seems to be a success.

Jean Nagy, Coordinator of Correspondence Courses for the Division of Continuing Studies, said that the motivating factor was that MTSU is such a "commuter college."

In starting the program, faculty involved in correspondence programs at other schools told her to be prepared for a very low finishing rate. But to the contrary, she said they had a high number of completions.

"I've been really surprised at how successful it's been," she said.

Correspondence courses can be enrolled through TRAM at the beginning of each semester. For information contact Jean Nagy at 5332 or the Division of Continuing Studies at 2462.



Correspondence Classes

Are they right for you?

The Art of Posing Nude

Censored

Student model comfortable in bright spotlight of MTSU art dept.'s nude figure drawing class

by Heather Smith/staff

Editor's note: By her request, the name of the model in this story has been changed to protect her identity.

"Joan," a 22-year-old Social Work major waits for the professor to give the okay. With a nod from Professor Carlyle Johnson, she unties her pink floral robe, letting it fall to the floor to reveal her nude body.

Fifteen pairs of eyes study her naked form as it glows under bright lights. She is short, standing no more than five feet tall, her black hair tied up in a pony tail to reveal her cream colored shoulders.

After a moment, students begin to make sketches on large pads of paper. It is silent except for the scribbles from the pencils and footsteps of people passing by the closed off classroom.

"Tonight we are going to deal with proportion," Dr. Johnson announces. "Concentration structure and proportion. We will only have an hour to work with the model today."

Joan, the nude model in Johnson's figure drawing class, is busy thinking about anything but the task at hand. There is a big test tomorrow that she has to worry about. So her mind flutters off into space, oblivious to the gazes that linger on various parts of her anatomy. Oblivious to the two brown eyes scrutinizing the arch of her back. Oblivious to the pair of blue eyes that concentrate on the subtle curves of her crossed legs.

This is the second semester that Joan has worked as a nude model for the art department, so perhaps she has grown accustomed to "baring it all" on front of strangers.

"I'm basically here for the money," Joan says of the \$10-an-hour-job. "I'm not into it for the artistic reasons, and I don't care about meeting people."

When she first began modeling for Johnson's class, she was somewhat apprehensive, but it didn't take long for the former exotic dancer at Deja Vu in Nashville learned the tricks of nude modeling.

"You don't ever look at the drawings," asserts Joan with emphasis. "You'll begin to think, 'is my butt really that big?' The first night I worked, I made the mistake of looking at what people were drawing, and I came home so distraught."

The second trick Joan reveals is not to think about where you are.

"I pick one point in class and focus on it," she says. "I block everything out. Then I think about things that happened in my day and what I have to do tomorrow."

Joan used to worry about running into some of the figure drawing students on campus, but that hasn't happened yet, and she feels confident it probably won't.

"Sometimes I wonder who's going to get a hold of their sketch pads and see my body-but they don't draw my facial features, so I'm not that worried about people identifying me," she says.

Thirty minutes pass. Images of Joan are forming on the large pads of drawing paper. Johnson announces that it is time for a new position, and Joan thankfully shakes the stiffness from her frozen limbs. She slides her robe back on as Dr. Johnson gives instructions for the next drawing session.

"Most of the time my arms and legs start to fall asleep," Joan notes. "The worst part about it is that sometimes I freeze to death, and when I get cold, everyone knows."

After Dr. Johnson suggests a new pose, the robe comes back off. The 15 students go back to drawing diligently.

"In this class we are using subjects that are relevant to life-like da Vinci and Michelangelo," says Dr. Johnson. "We are dealing with the dignity of man itself."

The human figure is used as the subject because it is one of the most difficult forms to translate onto paper, according to Johnson.

"The human form is organic as well as mechanical and has difficult curves," explains Dr. Johnson, who keeps a very professional atmosphere in the figure drawing class.

In addition to Joan, there are other models who go through a rigorous screening process before being hired. It is more difficult to find willing male models, but the figure drawing class does have a few.

"It's basically a pretty boring class," Dr. Johnson says. "We go over the same subject over and over again for three hours apiece."

Students can take the class as many times as they choose, as they begin to learn the art of drawing the human form.

"I don't dread coming to this class like I would algebra," says one student, a newcomer to the class, as he touches up his sketches of Joan. "The first time a model takes her clothes off it's like 'Wow!' Then after that it's just cool."

The model soon becomes only shapes and shadows to the budding artist and less and less like a real person.

"It takes just 10 minutes in the first class of the semester to make the model into just an object," says Brian Koelz, who is taking the class for the third time. "I like it because I get lots of practice and I don't have to pay a model for her time."

This semester, Joan is a little uncomfortable about the class. Since last spring she has grown a small tummy. But, the model takes it all in stride and works with her 'Buns of Steel' video tape at home to get her body in shape.

"I don't petty things to prepare for class," admits Joan. "The other night I had to paint my toenails."

And, she says, the experience is teaching her more about herself, and building self-confidence.

"It's because I know I can do this," she explains. "It gives me a sense of humor about myself."

Dr. Johnson calls the time and the students put down their pencils. Her job is over, Joan puts her robe back on, heads toward the bathroom, and closes the door. There, where the eyes can't fall her, she puts her clothes back on, and heads home under darkness.

On Veteran's day, people around the country will take time out to recognize the achievements of the men and women who have made enormous sacrifices serving in the armed forces. Here at MTSU, the ROTC program has given folks much to be proud of in its more than four decades on campus.

Indeed, MTSU has a rich tradition of producing military leaders for the nation for 46 years, ever since university President Q.M. Smith had the Military Science Department instituted in 1950.

According to the "The First 50 Years," an account of MTSU's early history written by Homer Pittard, the Military Science Department and its accompanying Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit became a general military science program in 1952. For the two previous years, it had been an armored unit, one of 15 such ROTC units in the nation at the time.

The program's original home was the basement of the Health and Physical Education Building, now known as the Alumni Memorial Gym. Lt. Col. Bob McClain was the first professor of military science at the university.

In its early days, the program was rather large relative to the MTSU's size at that time. While having a much smaller pool of students to draw from, the original program had 93 cadets compared to today's roll call of 156. (The small margin can perhaps be accounted for by the fact that ROTC was originally compulsory for all students.)

In 1954, the program was relocated to the newly-completed Forrest Hall. A year later, the first two years of ROTC became a requirement for all physically-fit males in 1955, in accordance with the rules of the State Board of Education.

The ROTC program during these years was supplemented by the Track and Saber Cub, an organization founded for the "improvement and entertainment of its members," according to the 1952 "Midlander." The club sponsored Red Cross blood drives and a major campus social event, the military ball.

The military ball was "one of the biggest dances of the year," said former student Joseph Smith of Murfreesboro in an interview conducted by Gore Research Center. The prominence of ROTC on campus during the early 1960s can be seen with the examination of old copies of "Sidelines." Most issues contained at least one ROTC story, describing cadet activities or honors they received.

Over the years, the Military Science Department and the ROTC program grew with MTSU, reaching its peak enrollment 1970, with some 1,449 students. ROTC's compulsory status was changed to a strictly voluntary one in 1972.

Today, the 156 students now enrolled in the ROTC program at MTSU work to carry on the tradition.

Lt. Col. Kevin Chaffin, MTSU ROTC graduate and current Professor of Military Science, describes the current program as one that provides a glimpse of army life for its students.

"The first two years, or the basic course, is designed to give cadets basic skills such as marksmanship, first aid and conduct during ceremonies," he says. "It also teaches them about how the Army is set up, its rules and missions, and about various branches they can serve in."

There is no service obligation with the basic course.

"The last two years are the advanced course," Chaffin continues. "This is designed to prepare the cadet to go on to active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. The senior year is meant to help the cadet make the transition from being a cadet to being an officer."

The Army offers various scholarships through the ROTC program, with awards made base on a competitive criteria of academic and leadership ability. Two-,three- and four year scholarships of differing amounts are available, all intended to supply money for the cadet's books and tuition.

"These scholarships were never meant to pay for room and board," Lt. Col. Chaffin says," but fortunately, MTSU offers room and board scholarships to our four-year scholarship cadets."

"This means that we can provide a free education to these students."

Chaffin reports that last year every MTSU cadet applying for a scholarship was approved.

ROTC involves an eight-year commitment for graduates. This period can be divided among active Army, Reserves or National Guard service in any combination.

What does the program offer to its enrollees?

"I think the program offers anyone some teamwork training, discipline, regimentation, and leadership and management training," Chaffin says. "These are things potential employers look upon very favorably."



Standing Tall

On Veteran's Day, school's ROTC program remembered
for rich history, proud tradition



Juggling 101

How busy non-traditional students learn to balance school, work, and family responsibilities

by Dorothy Davis

Juggling 101. With so many MTSU students trying to balance job, marriage, family and school work, it ought to be a required course. You could almost launch a nouveau circus act to rival the ones in France's famous Cirque de Soleil.

Who are these jugglers? Well, look around you: in your classes, as you walk around campus, as you study in the library. Probably most of the people you see are doing some form of schedule juggling.

The real world-class jugglers, though, are mostly the older, so called non-traditional students. You know—"adults."

Two outstanding jugglers are David Laprad and Carol Washington. They both keep many balls in the air—jobs, children, classes—to name a few.

Washington does such a spectacular job of juggling that she received an award for it. Last spring the Older Wiser Learners (OWLs) honored her as the Best Juggling OWL of 1996.

"That award woke me up," Washington says. She realized that she had to make some choices and changes to refocus her priorities on her education.

Washington is a senior honors student with a double major in art therapy and special education. Before she received the OWLs award, she worked full-time, carried a full course load, volunteered full-time at her church and kept her grandson on weekends.

Now Washington works 12 hours a week. She sold her home and moved on campus to reduce time spent maintaining her house. She is still, however, a full-time student, mother and grandmother. Her daughter, Nephertiti, is a junior at MTSU. Her son, a truck driver, has left the nest and has his own family.

Laprad, a journalism major, is also a parent. His children are two and four years old. He and his wife Valerie care for Lucas and Abby with the help of Valerie's mother when they are at work or in school.

This semester Laprad doesn't have a full-time job; he has a full-time internship at the Smithville Review. He carries 13 hours instead of 21.

Laprad's typical day begins at 6 a.m. when he gets his daughter up and ready for her day. At 7 a.m. he wakes his son and takes care of him until time for his hour-long commute from Smithville to MTSU. Every day he attends classes from noon until 2 p.m. except Wednesday he has classes all day. After class he returns to Smithville and works at the Review. Then he goes home, bathes the children and puts them to bed. Finally he starts his school work.

Time management ? Coping techniques? What are those?

For Laprad, time management techniques require that you have the energy to follow them. He copes with stress by using his driving time to listen to music he likes. He also makes sure any personal time he does manage to get is good time.

Washington has reset her priorities and simplified her life as much as possible. She makes good use of the support and the facilities available at the Adult Services Center. She also says it's important to make connections with your instructors and other students, as well as finding and using the different services that are available at MTSU to help juggling students. Here are a few places to look first:

COUNSELING AND TESTING CENTER

The employees at the Counseling and Testing Center help students with both personal and academic problems. They advise all undeclared majors and help them determine what field of study they want to go into. The center's personnel also administer a number of different tests for students who want to earn college credit by examination, who need to take an exam for graduate school or who need to be tested to complete correspondence courses.

The counselors also helped students who are experiencing problems due to stress. They help students work out new study habits or develop better ways of coping with an overwhelming amount of responsibilities.

The center is located on the third floor of the Keathley University Center in room 329.

ADULT SERVICES CENTER

The Adult Services Center serves the older students at MTSU. Nationally, the percentage of adult students, defined as age 23 or older, is rapidly approaching 50 percent of all students. At MTSU this fall 42 percent of the students are classified as adults.

The center provides help for students in dealing with the maze of forms that go hand in hand with university life, and help find the services they need but don't know how to access. It provides support groups as needed and seminars on different topics of concern.

The center, located on the third floor of the Keathley University Center, has facilities to store and heat food, places to study, a computer for students to use and an area if you just need to relax. There is also an extensive array of brochures on university services and groups.

The center also sponsors Pinnacle, an honorary organization for adult learners.

Center hours are : Monday-Thursday-7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Friday-7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

JUNE ANDERSON WOMEN'S CENTER

The Women's Center provides a wide variety of services for women at MTSU. Their mission statement explains that " the mission of the June Anderson Women's Center is to serve as a focal point for services to women at MTSU and to serve as an advocate for women, particularly those who are students, at MTSU." The JAWC provides a full-time licensed counselor, a library on women's issues, a legal clinic, financial aid information and referral service, materials on women's health and a newsletter, Speaking of Women.

The center makes sure all information is confidential in order to provide women with a safe haven and all JAWC employees sign confidentiality agreement.

The JAWC is located in room 206 in the James Union Building. Hours are: Monday - Friday - 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday evenings until 7 p.m.

THE RECREATION CENTER

When you need to let off some steam., the Recreation Center provides a wide variety of physical activities to help students deal with physical and mental stress. Additionally, Fitness and Wellness Program at the center sponsors periodic seminars on stress and how to handle it. For more information, call 898-2104.





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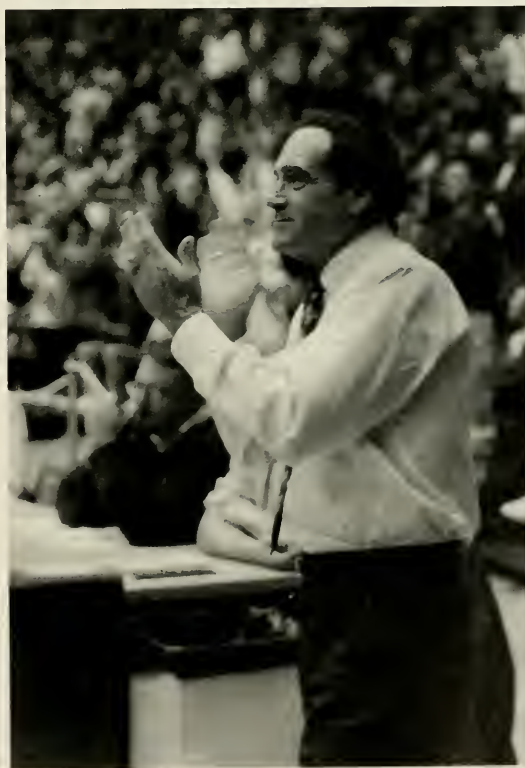
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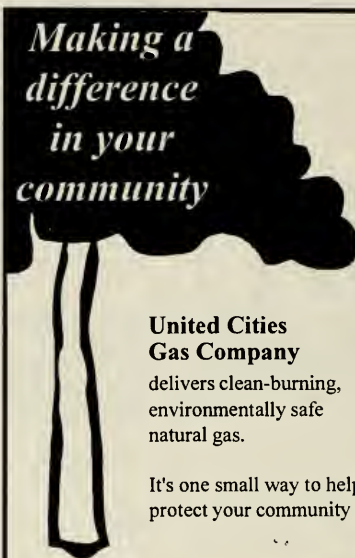
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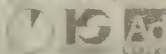
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